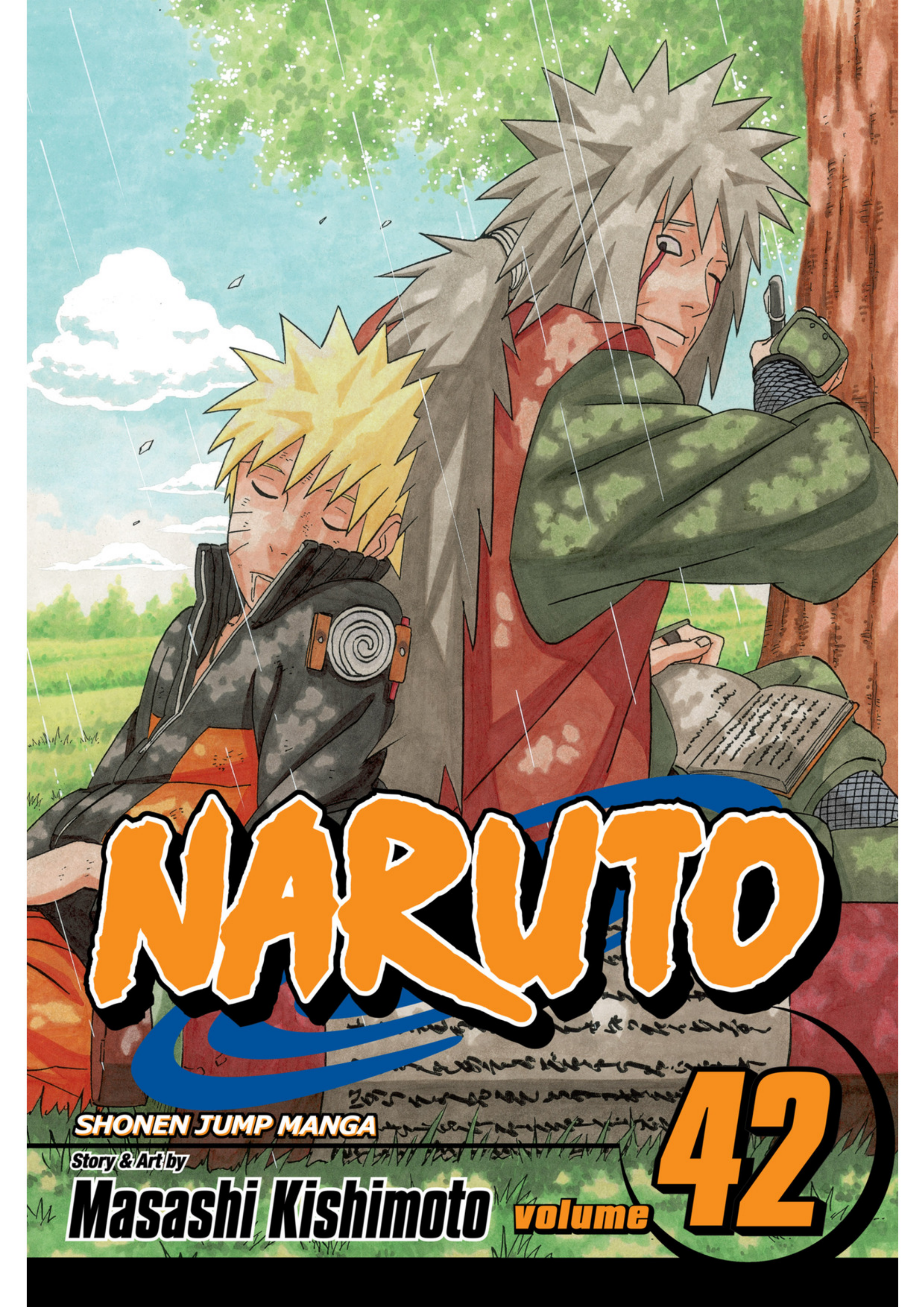
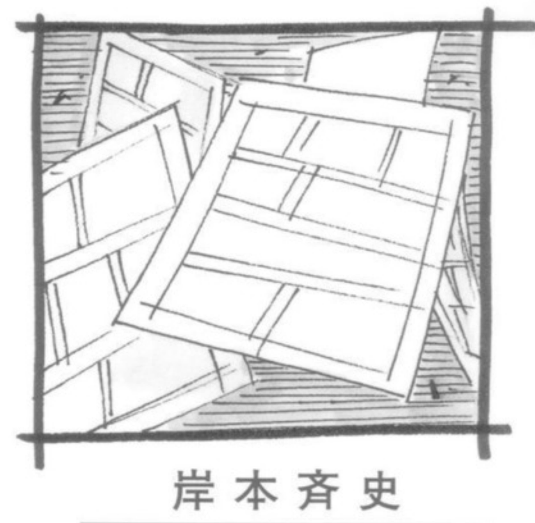
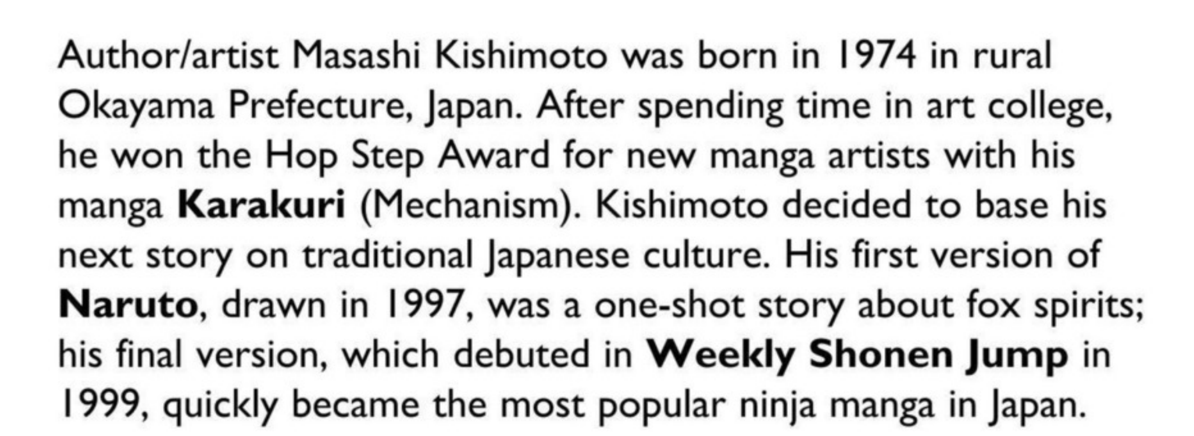

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Naruto has passed the 40-volume mark, becoming a long-term series. From here on out, I plan to keep working hard, with my eyes trained on the finish line!

—*Masashi Kishimoto, 2008*



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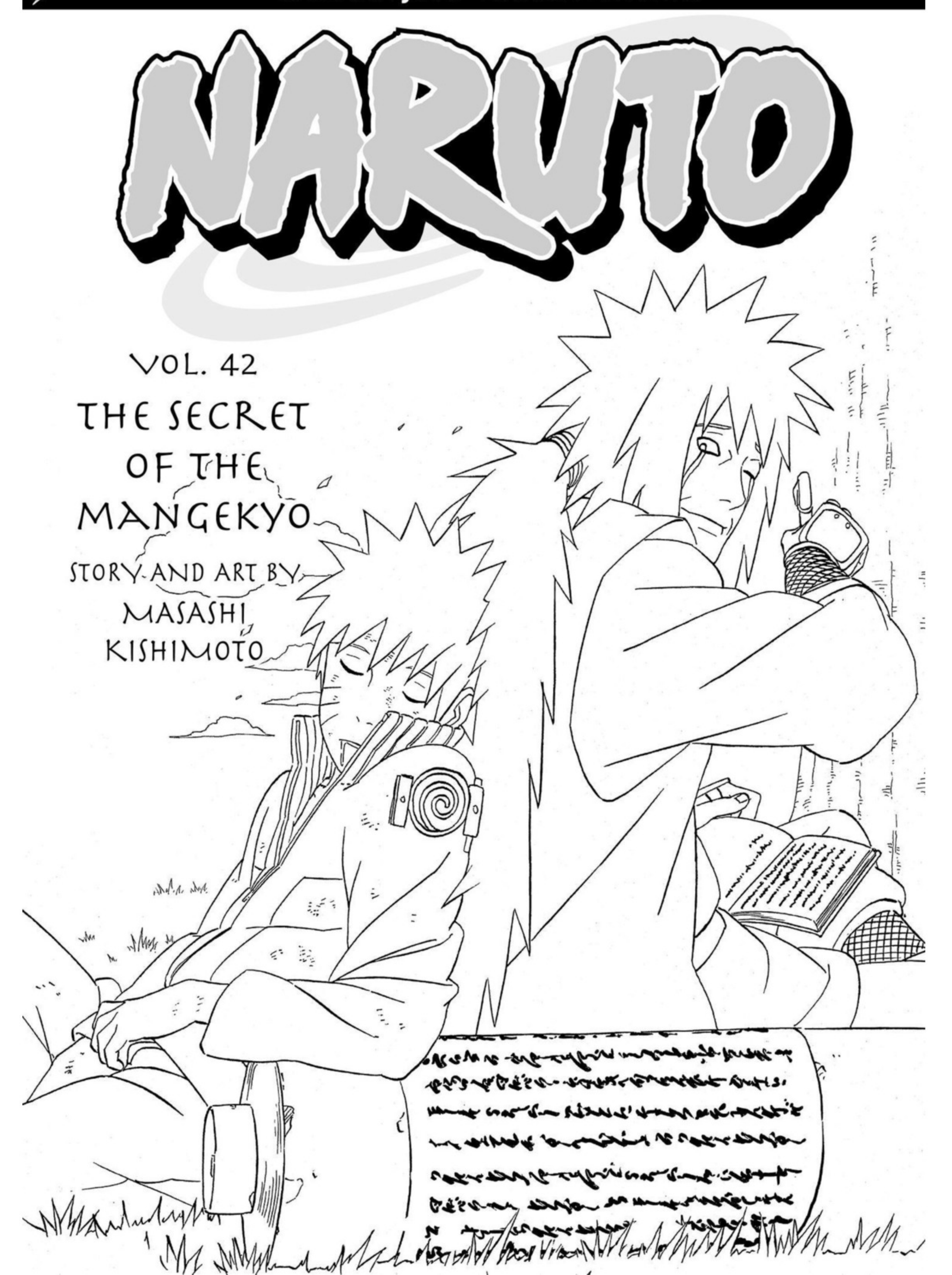


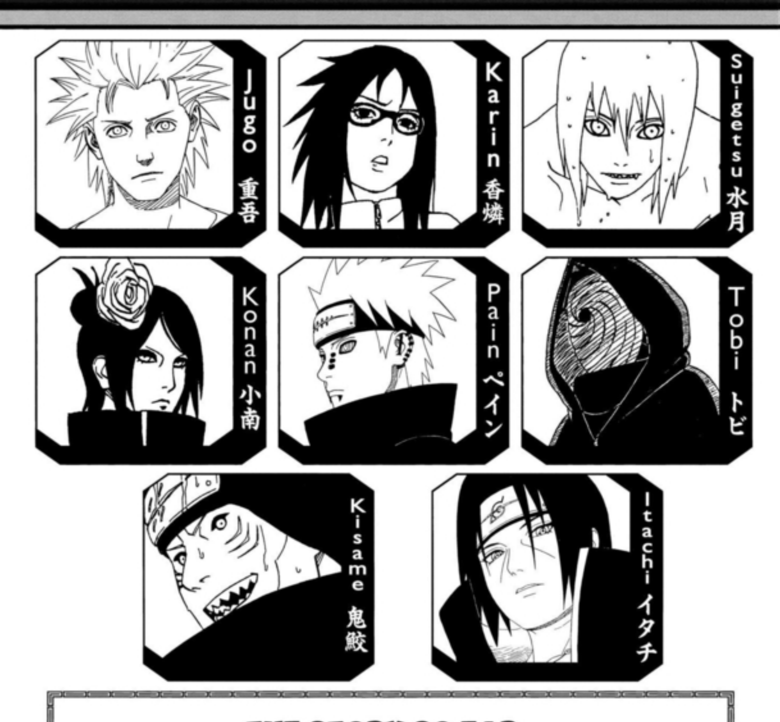


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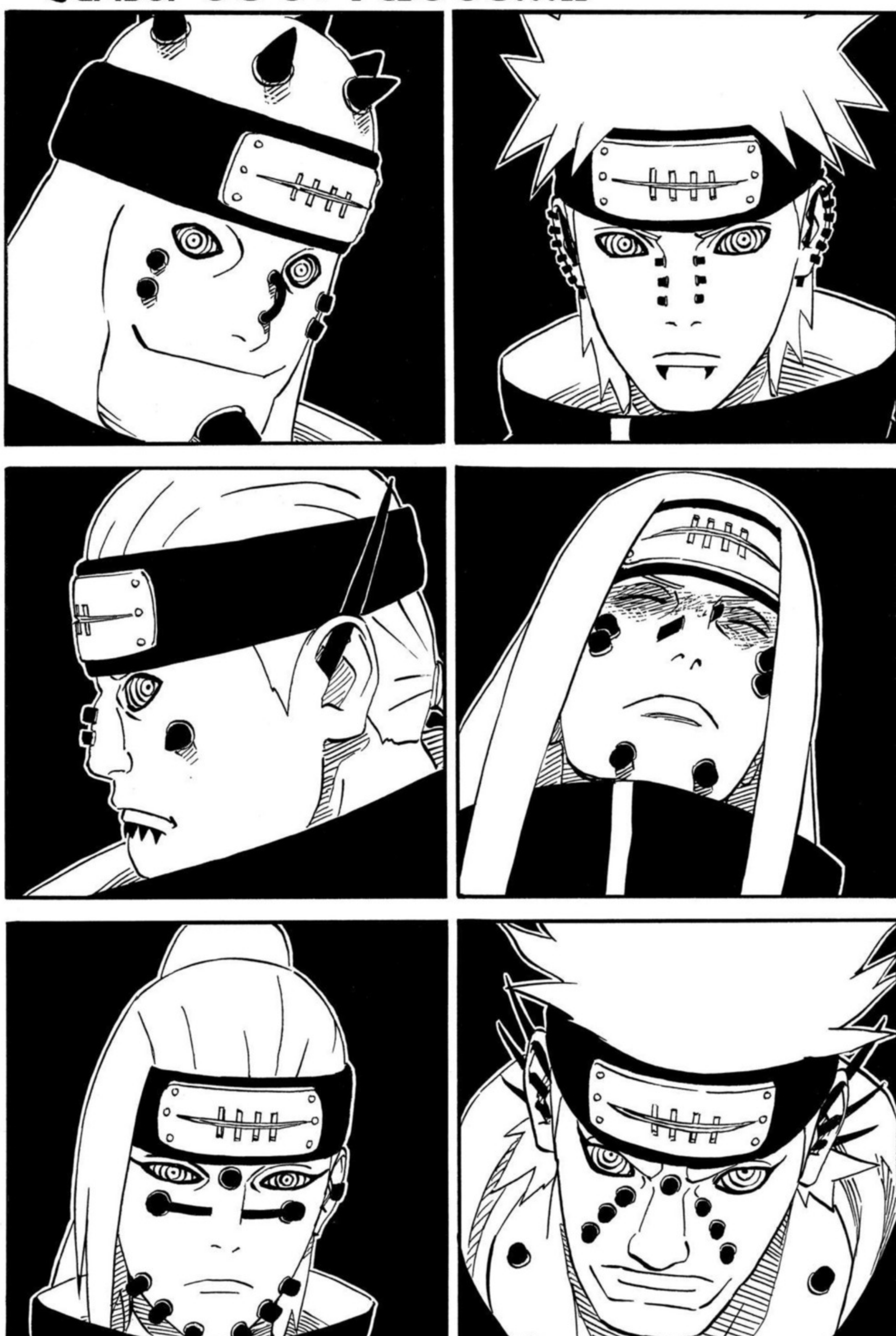
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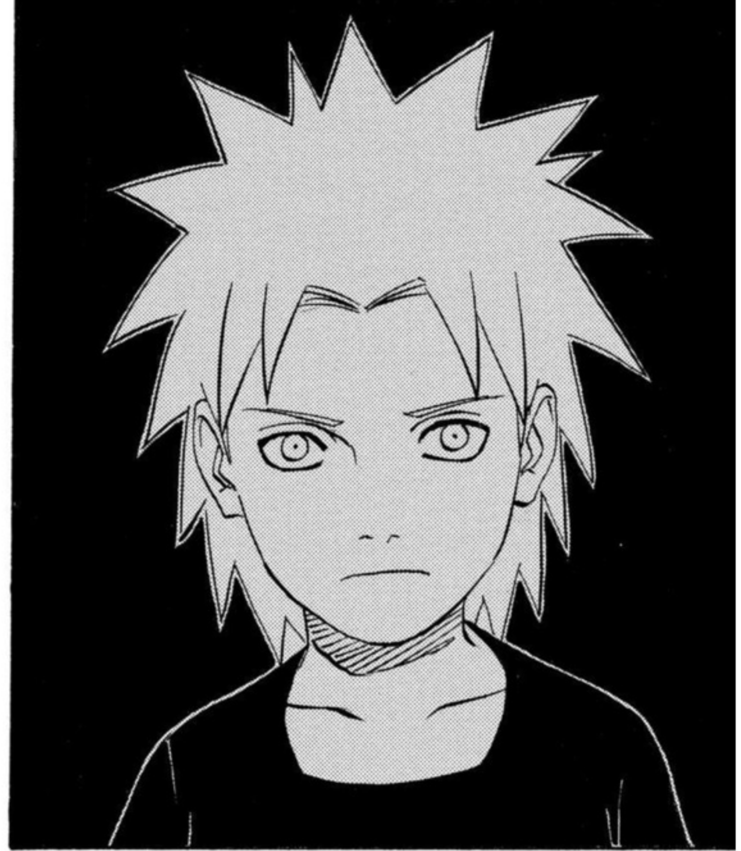
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...YOU... THAT FACE...
IS THAT YOU, YAHIKO ...?



AAH... THERE WAS SUCH A FELLOW, WASN'T THERE.
HE DIED A LONG TIME AGO.



WHAT IS GOING ON HERE...?
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YAHIKO DIED...
PLUS, THOSE EYES...



YOU SEE IN ME YAHIKO'S IMAGE?

YOU REALLY ARE HIS FORMER TEACHER.

...BUT YAHIKO HAS BEEN DEAD FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

ALL THAT REMAINS IS PAIN.

QUIT IT WITH THE WORDPLAY!

WHY DO *YOU* POSSESS THE RINNEGAN?!

WHAT'RE YA TALKIN' ABOUT, JIRAIYA-BOY?

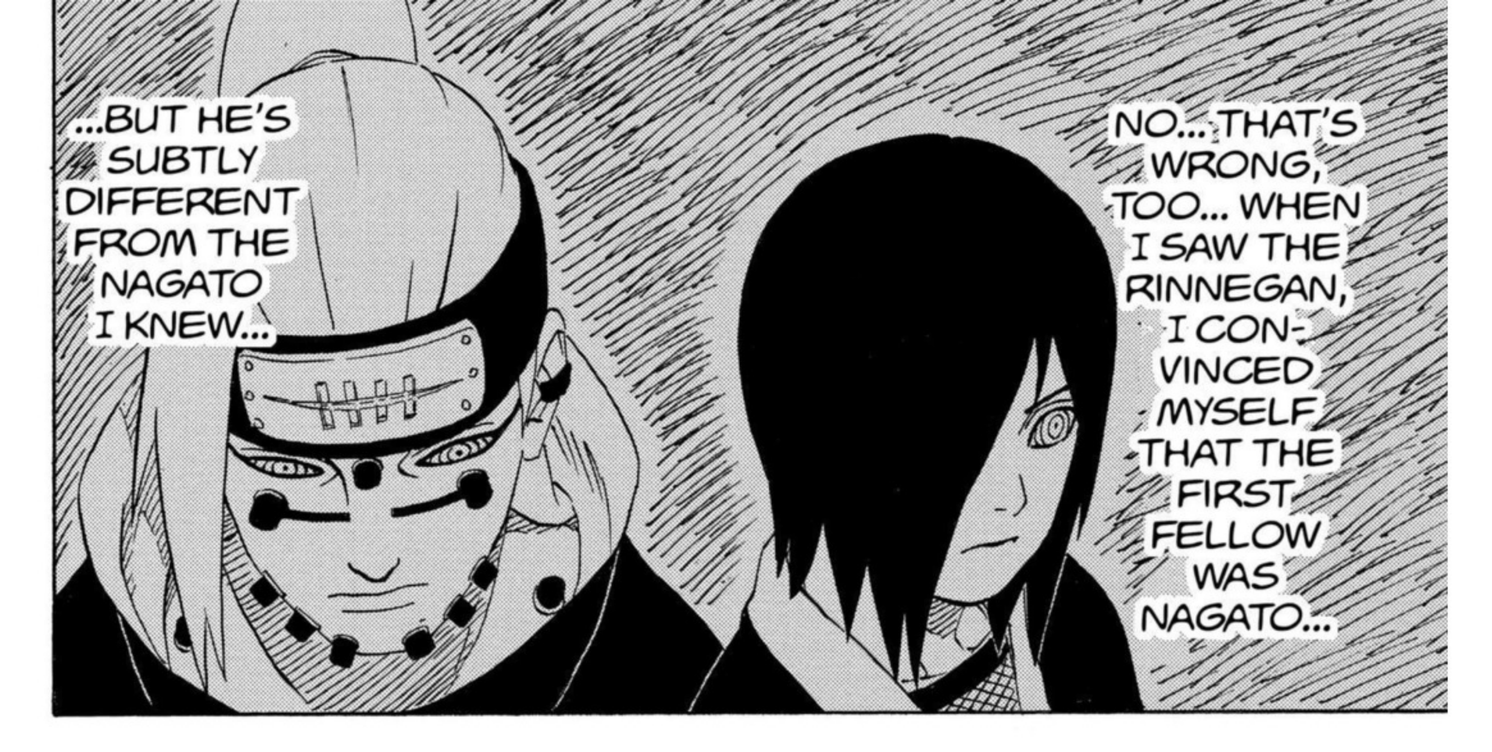
ANOTHER FORMER DISCIPLE IS ALSO AMONG THEM.

EXCEPT HE DIDN'T USE TO HAVE THOSE PUPILS...








NO... THAT'S WRONG, TOO... WHEN I SAW THE RINNEGAN, I CONVINCED MYSELF THAT THE FIRST FELLOW WAS NAGATO...
...BUT HE'S SUBTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE NAGATO I KNEW...


COME TO THINK OF IT, UPON CLOSER INSPECTION, NONE OF THOSE SIX REMIND ME OF NAGATO...


ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE'S ONE FELLOW WHO LOOKS LIKE YAHIKO... BUT POSSESSES NAGATO'S RINNEGAN...


SO ARE YOU YAHIKO... OR NAGATO...?
AND WHAT ARE YOU?!


THUP
WE ARE PAIN...

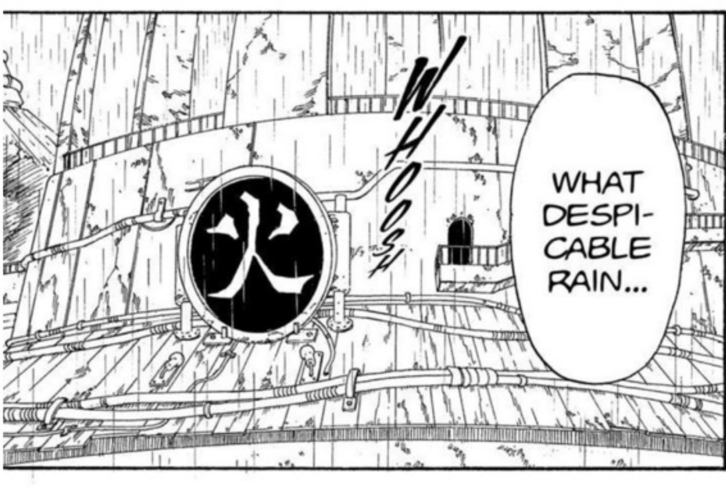
...AND WE ARE A GOD!

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THUD

THUD







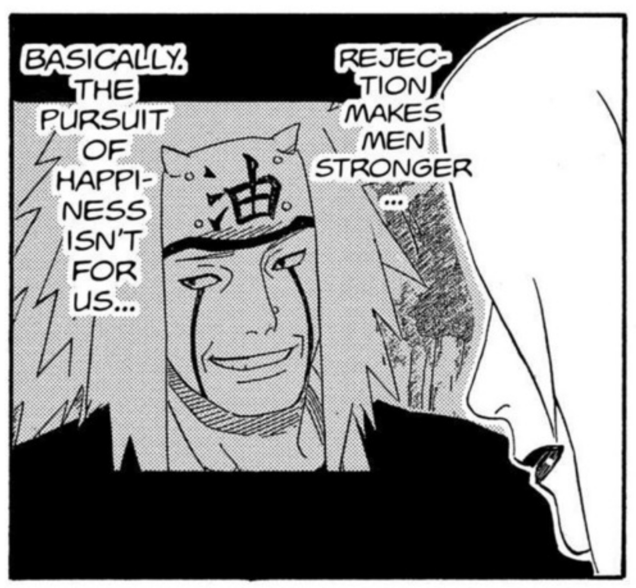




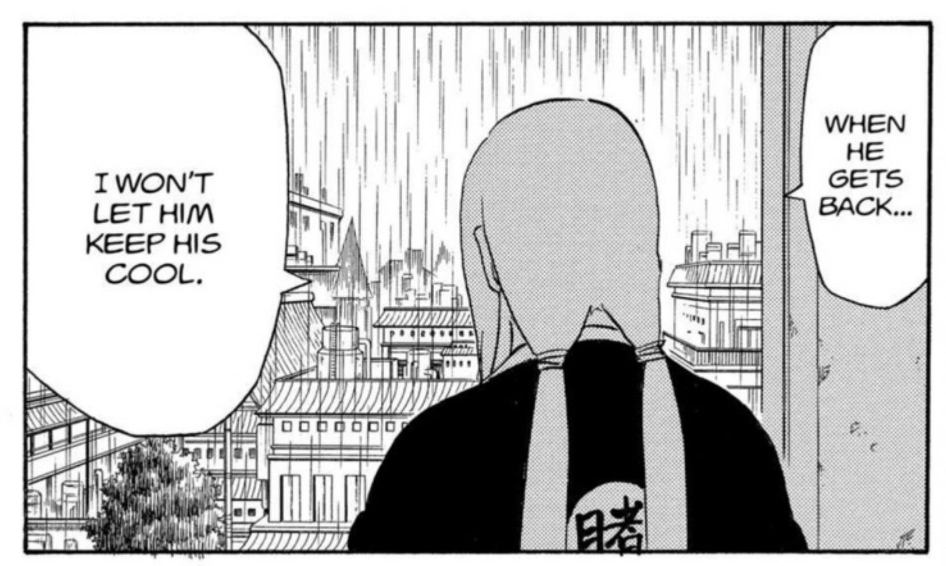
THAT'S WHAT I BET HIM.
'CUZ I NEVER WIN.



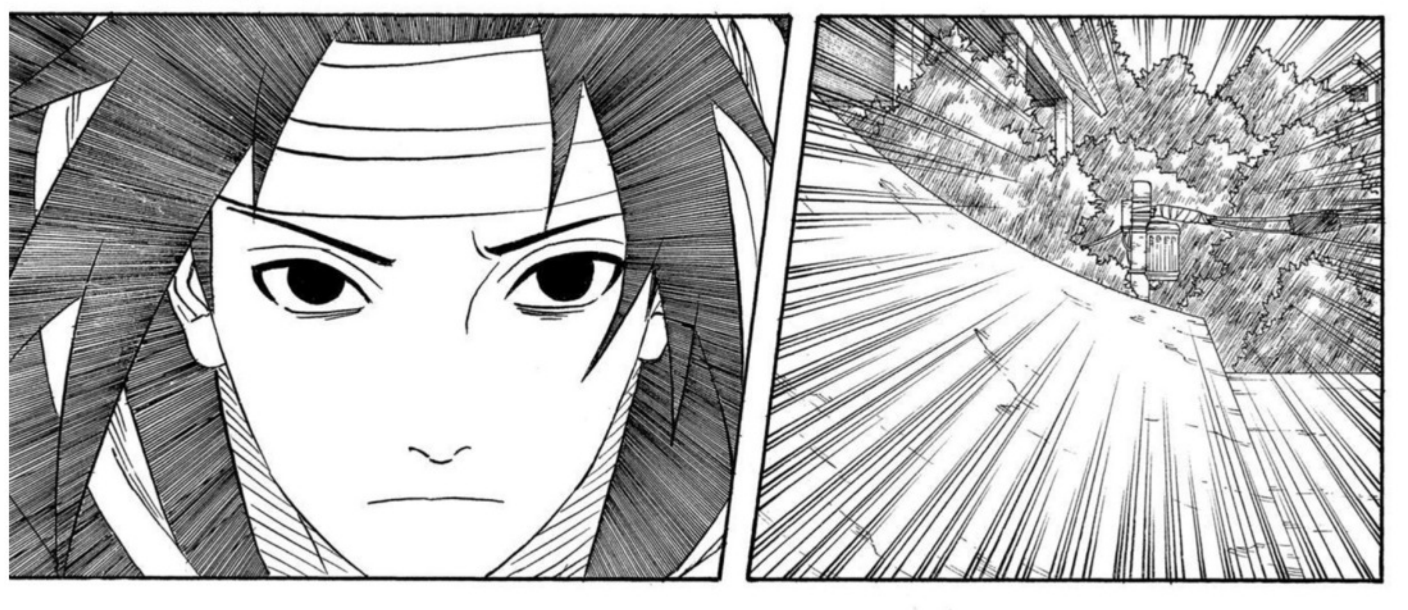












!!
SHOOM...
A HUMONGOUS CHAKRA!
AND FAST TOO!
INCOMING!!

SCREECH
TMP
!!
YOU'RE ...!
WHRR...

ONLY SASUKE, ALONE, BEYOND THIS POINT, PLEASE.

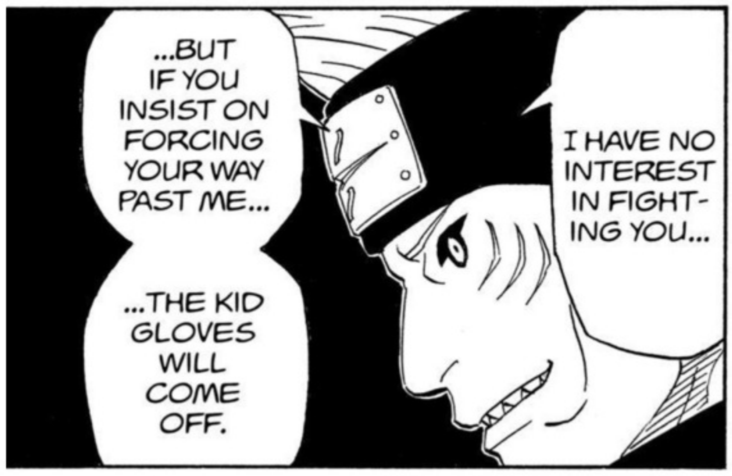
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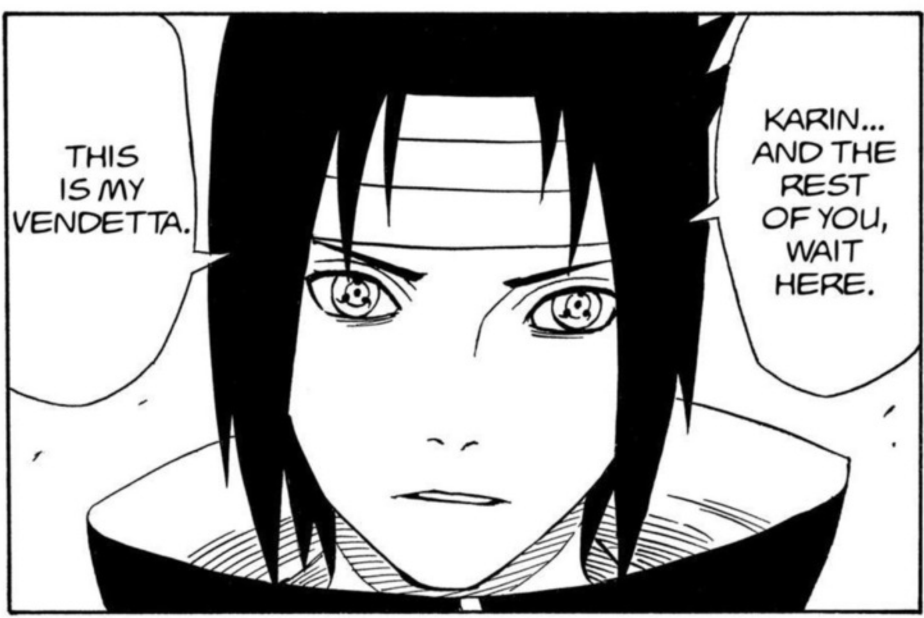





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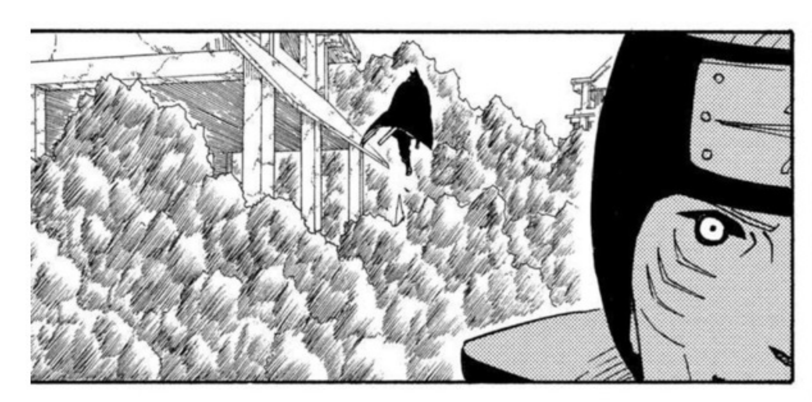

NO, SASUKE!
LET'S TAKE HIM DOWN AND GO IN TOGETHER !!


I HAVE NO INTEREST IN FIGHTING YOU...
...BUT IF YOU INSIST ON FORCING YOUR WAY PAST ME...
...THE KID GLOVES WILL COME OFF.


KARIN... AND THE REST OF YOU, WAIT HERE.
THIS IS MY VENDETTA.


GAH...


THUP

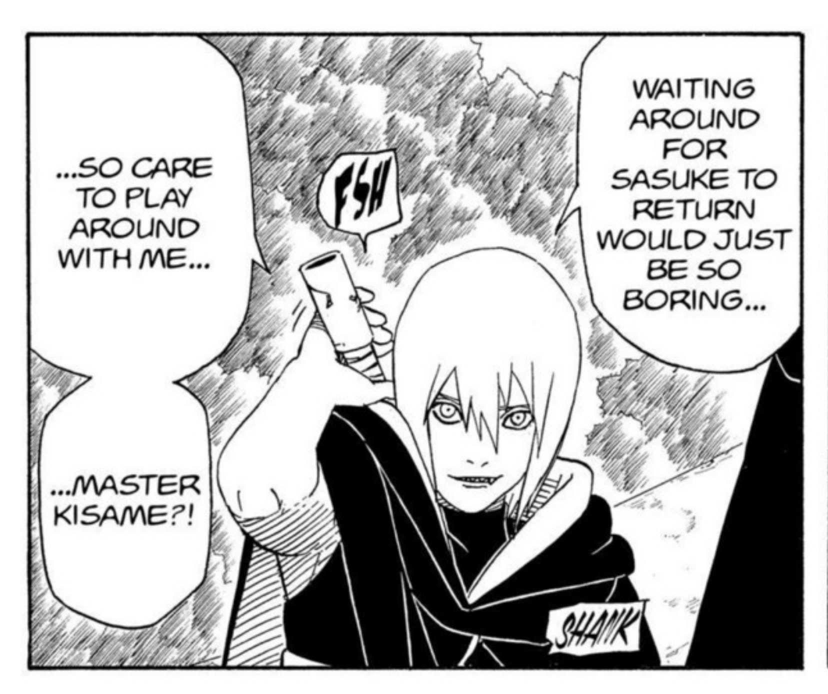


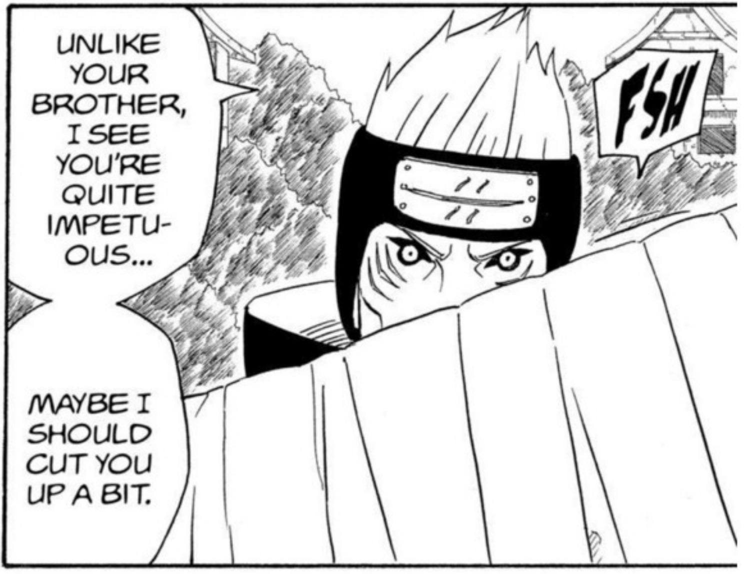

HOSHIGAKI KISAME...
...AND THE BROADSWORD SAMEHADA, THE SHARKSKIN...


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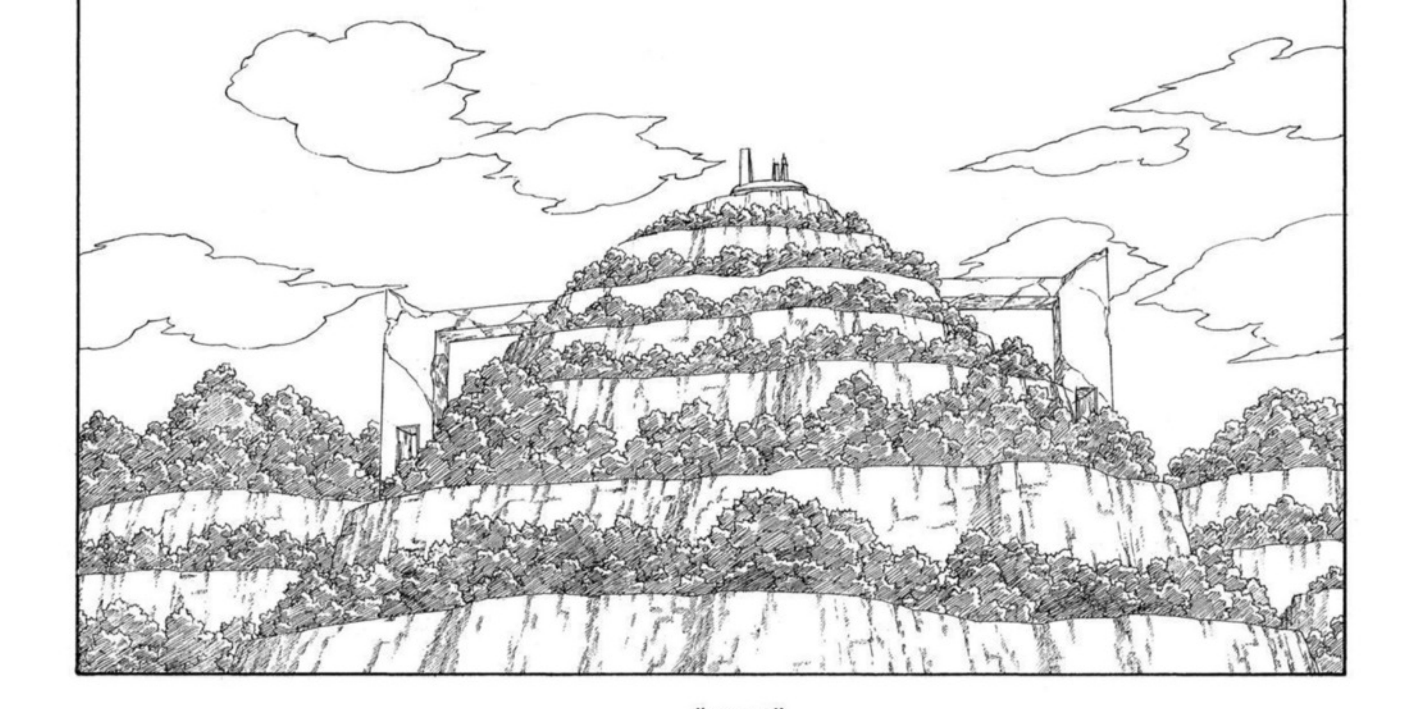

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF HOZUKI MANGETSU...
HOZUKI SUIGETSU?
WHOOO


AAH... I DIDN'T EVEN RECOG-NIZE YOU!
YOU SURE HAVE GROWN, SUIGETSU.


WAITING AROUND FOR SASUKE TO RETURN WOULD JUST BE SO BORING...
FSH
...SO CARE TO PLAY AROUND WITH ME...
...MASTER KISAME?!
SHANK


FSH
UNLIKE YOUR BROTHER, I SEE YOU'RE QUITE IMPETU-OUS...
MAYBE I SHOULD CUT YOU UP A BIT.


SUIGETSU... SHOULDN'T YOU OBEY SASUKE'S ORDERS?
ARGH, YOU'RE SUCH A DUNCE!!

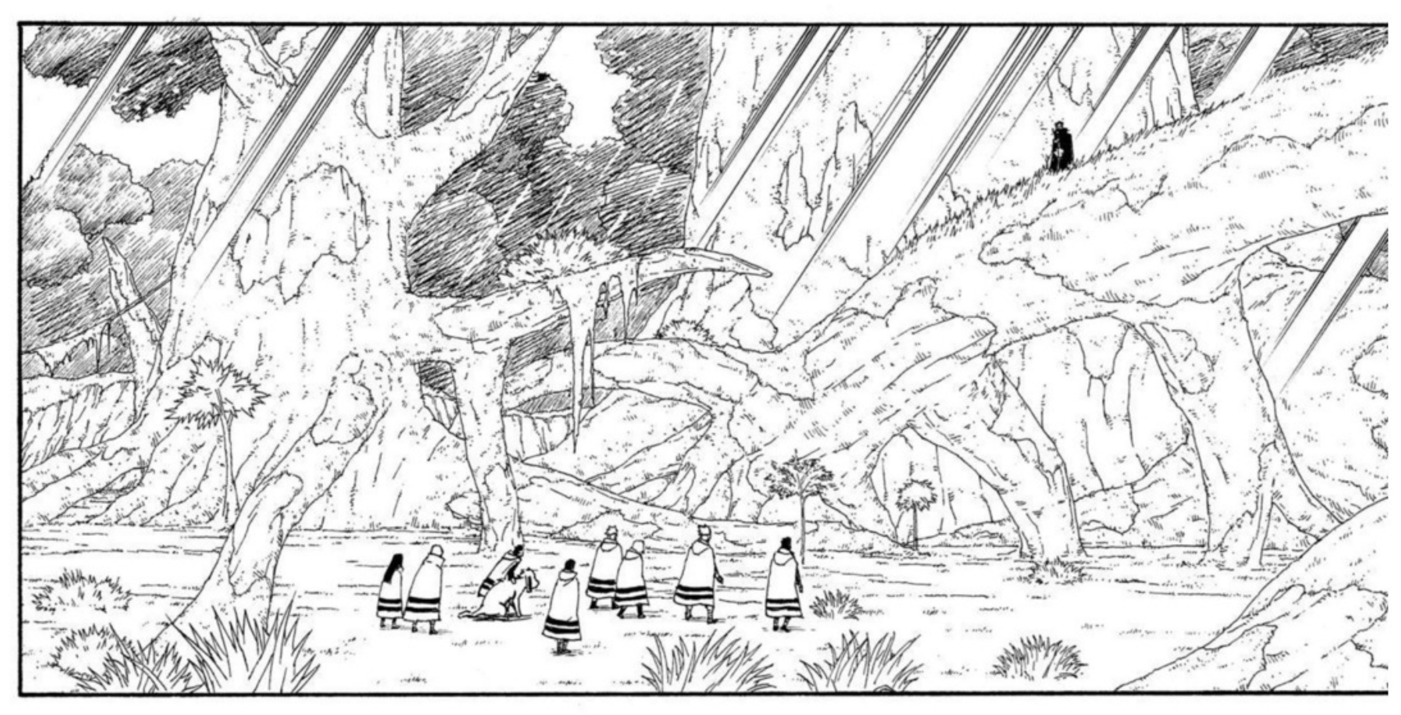


"FOX"

THOSE SHARIN-GAN...

...HOW MUCH CAN YOU ACTUALLY SEE?



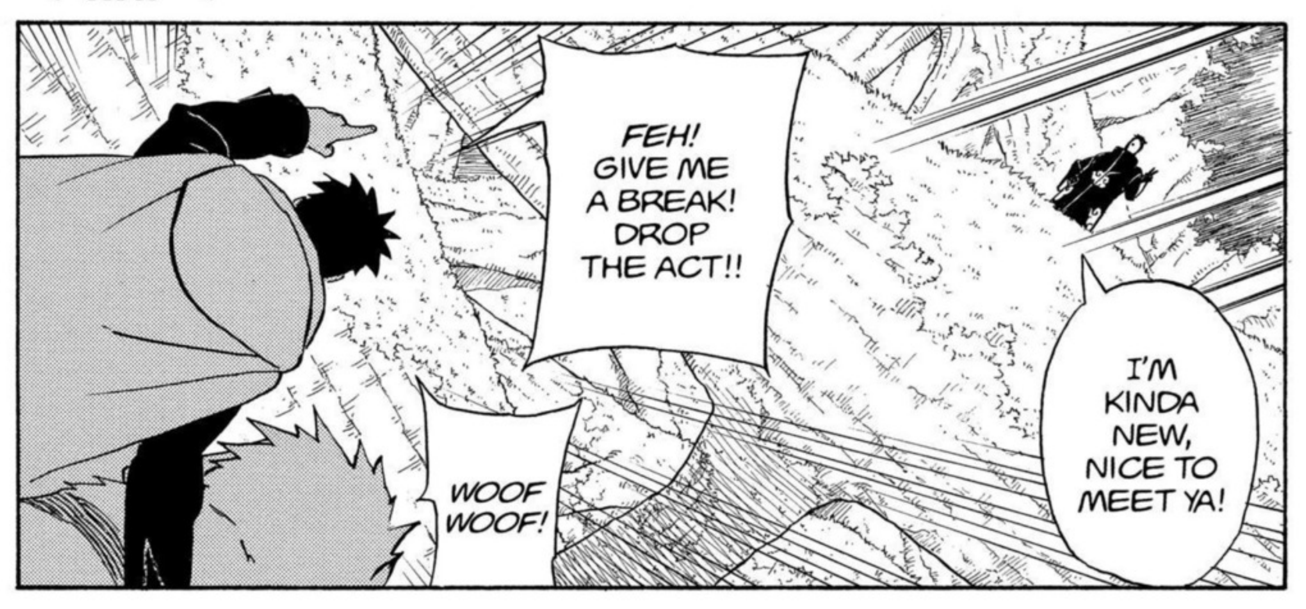



OH MY, I CAN'T BELIEVE I BUMPED INTO YOU KONOHA FOLK HERE...
AND EIGHT AGAINST ONE, TO BOOT. WHAT BAD LUCK... HA HA...


THOSE ROBES ...
YOU'RE AKATSUKI AS WELL!


THOUGH HE WASN'T ON THAT ROSTER KABUTO GAVE US...


READ
THIS
WAY


I'M KINDA NEW, NICE TO MEET YA!
FEH! GIVE ME A BREAK! DROP THE ACT!!
WOOF WOOF!


DON'T BE RASH...
WE NEED TO WAIT AND SEE...
...WE DON'T HAVE A NUMBERS ADVAN-TAGE.


OH DEAR... MOCKING ME?


SO THIS IS AKATSUKI, EH...


ANOTHER WEIRDO... I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW THEY KEEP GETTING BETWEEN US AND SASUKE OVER AND OVER AGAIN...!




!

GET OUTTA OUR WAY!!

A SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER?!

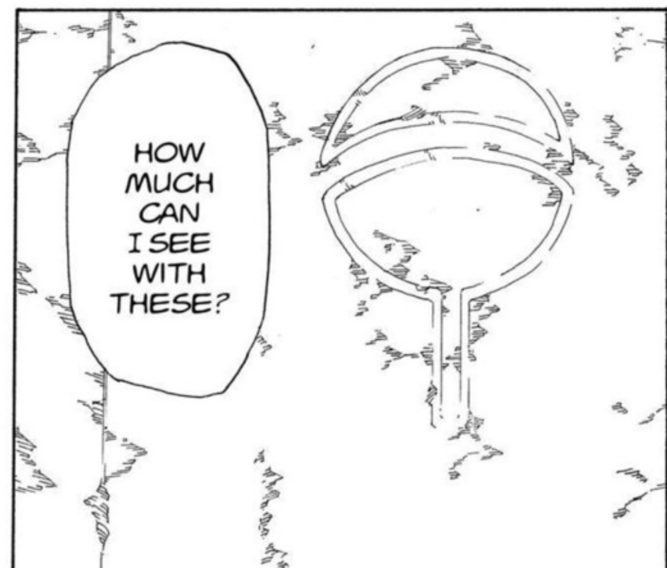




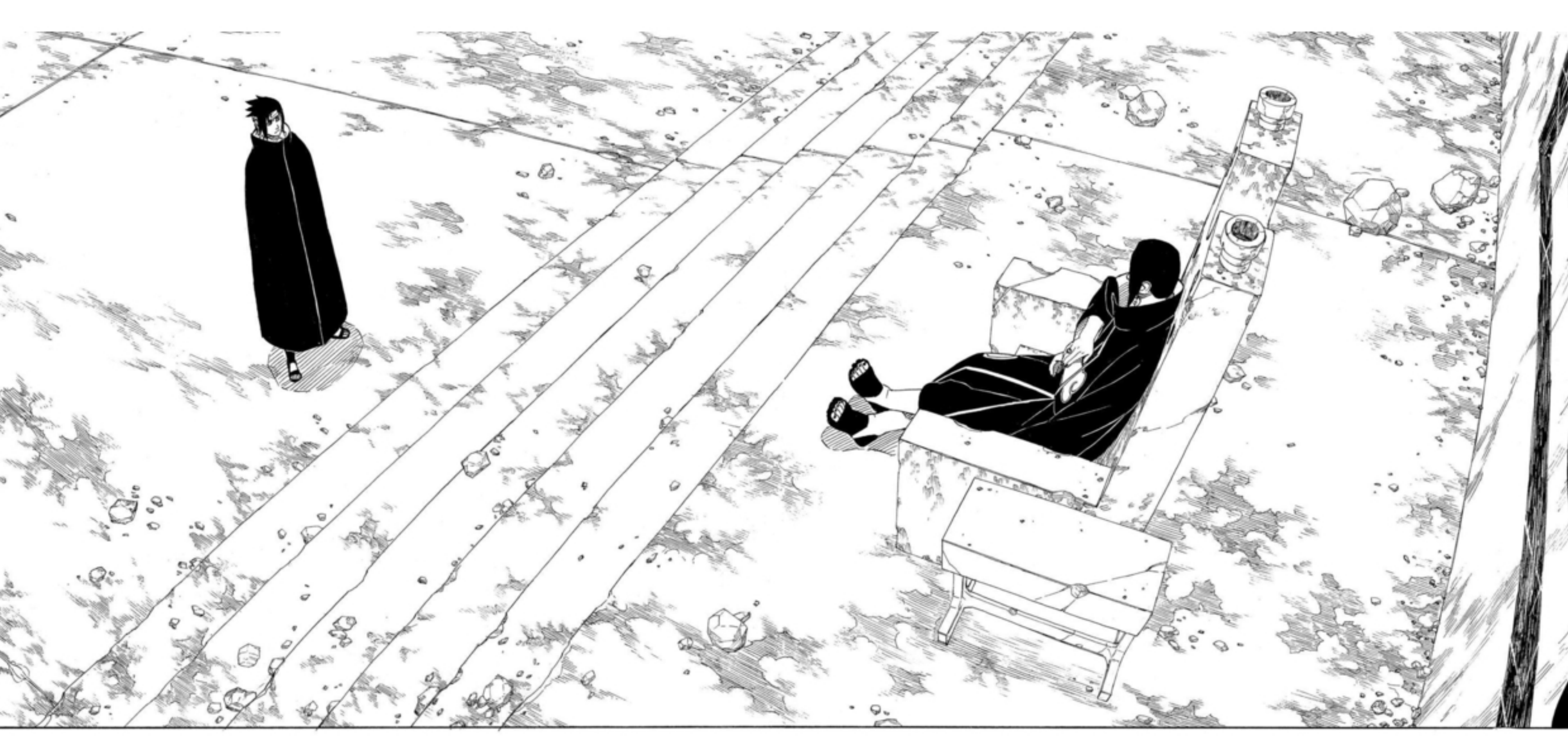
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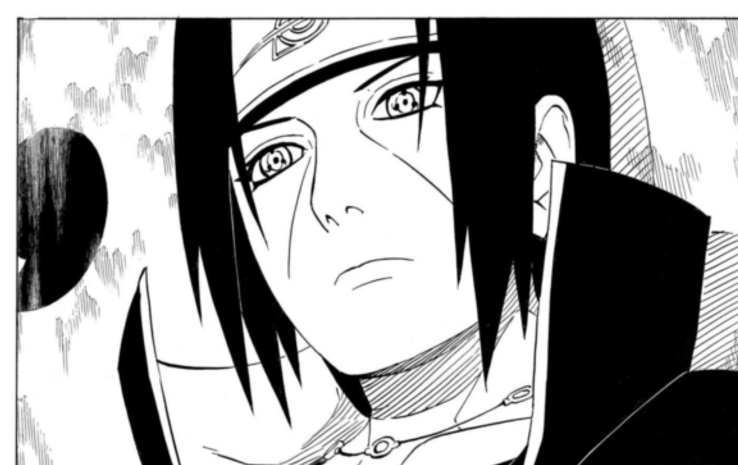
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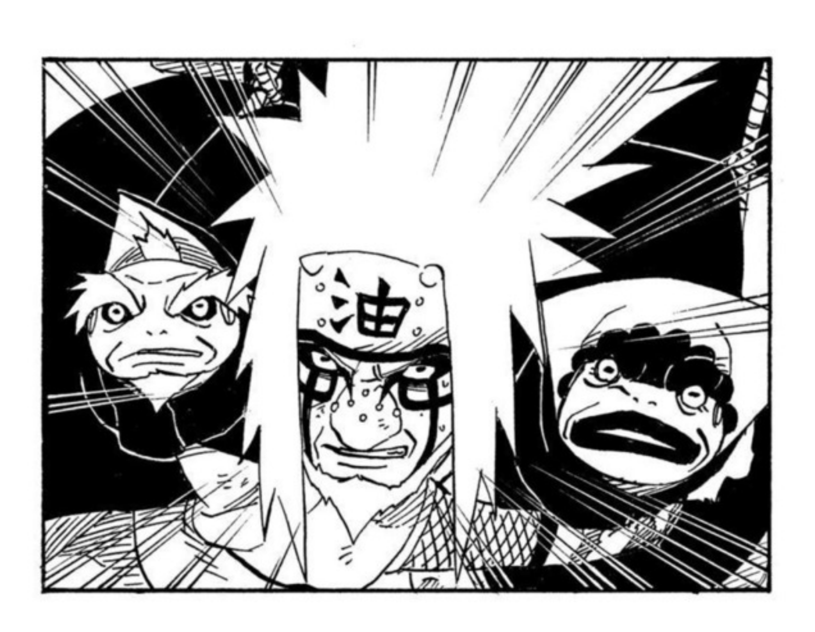







...ITACHI,
IS YOU
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AT MY
FEET.




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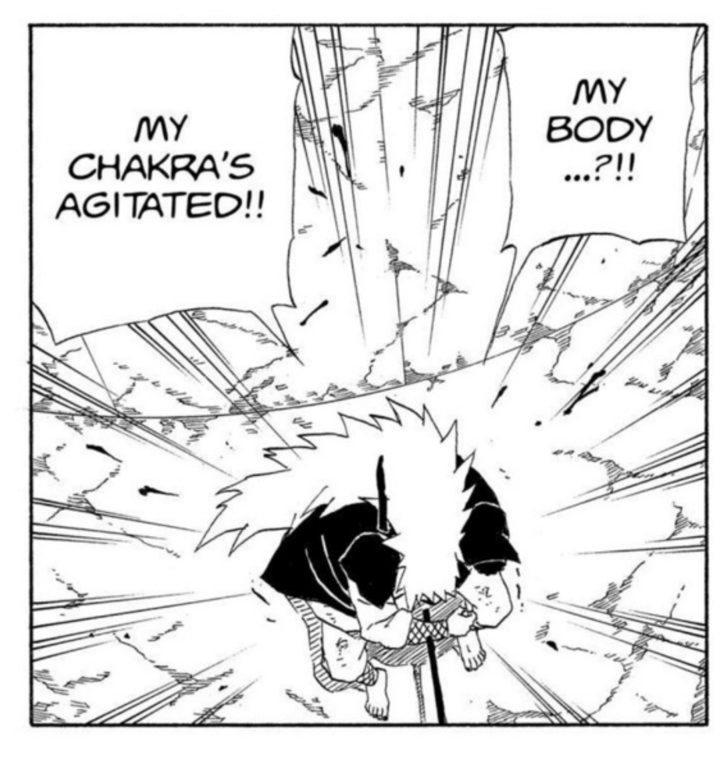



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I TRY TO DRAG YOU ALL INTO MY BARRIER...
...AND I BARELY MANAGE TO SNAG ONE, EH...
HUF
HUF


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LAD?
...UGH... SOME-WHAT...
VRRNK
SWANK


VZZ
HMM
!!


MY BODY ...?!!
MY CHAKRA'S AGITATED!!


!


IS IT THAT ?!

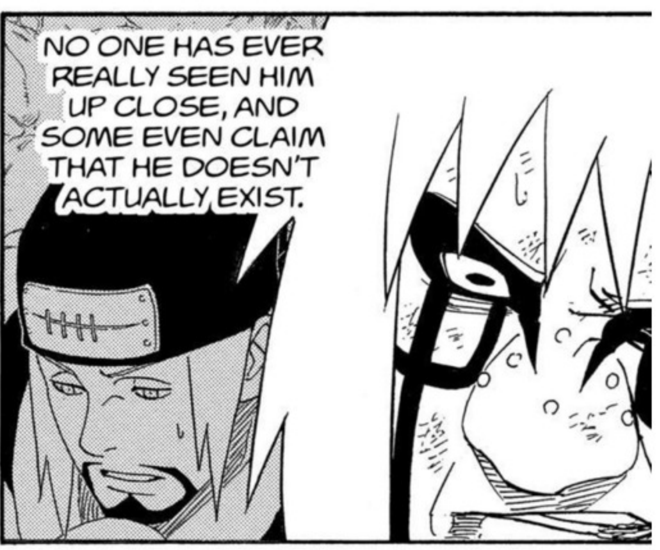

VWEEN
SHK
UGH!

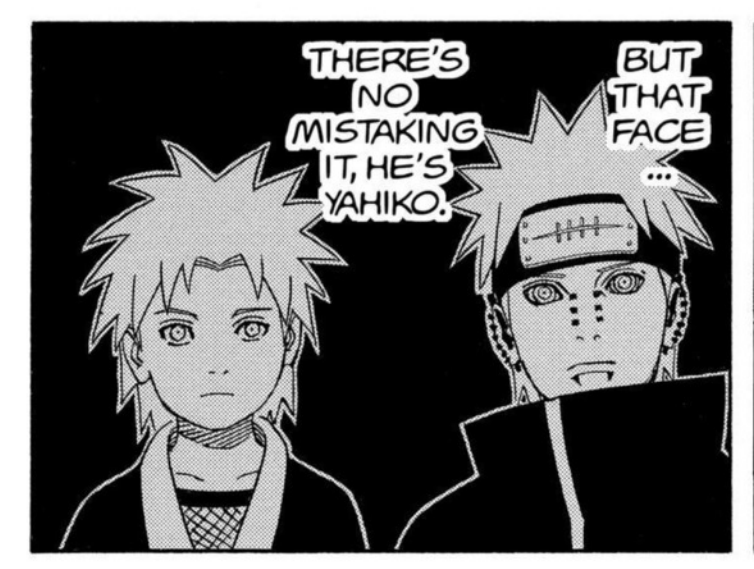

ZWOOP


PKANG


THEIR IDENTITY IS A MYSTERY, AND THEY SEEM TO USE ODD WEAPONS TOO.
UGH!
ZWOP
HUF
KLATTER

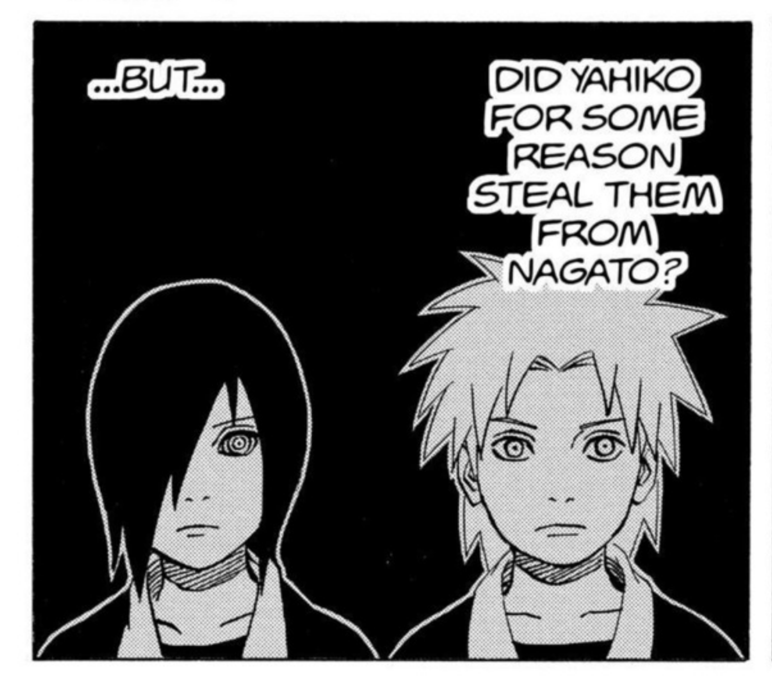

THEY'RE NO LONGER MORTAL... THEY'RE SOME-THING ELSE.
SHOOM
OW...
THUMP

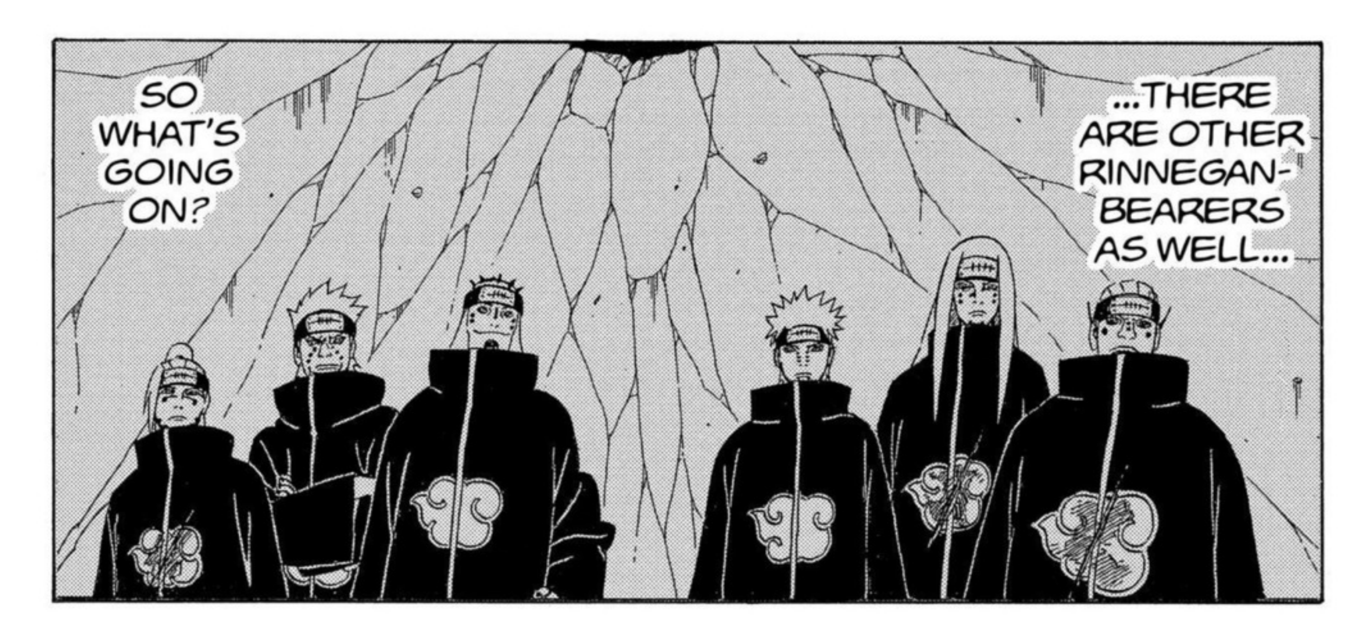

NO ONE HAS EVER REALLY SEEN HIM UP CLOSE, AND SOME EVEN CLAIM THAT HE DOESN'T ACTUALLY EXIST.


BUT THAT FACE ...
THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT, HE'S YAHIKO.


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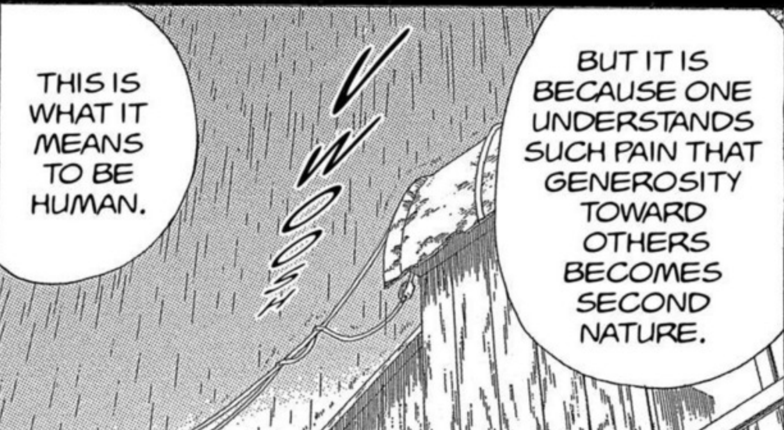

AND YET HE HAS NAGATO'S RINNE-GAN...

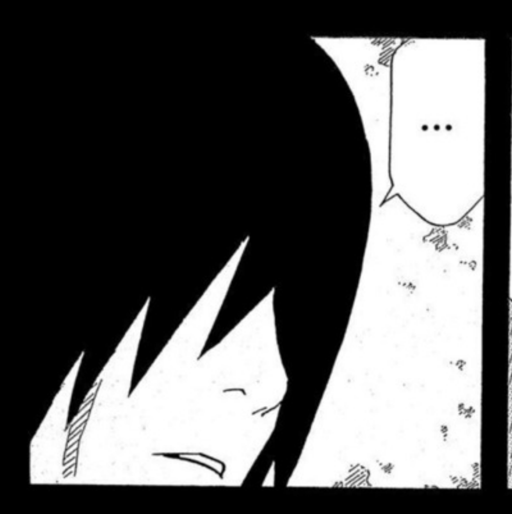

DID YAHIKO FOR SOME REASON STEAL THEM FROM NAGATO?
...BUT...


...THERE ARE OTHER RINNEGAN-BEARERS AS WELL...
SO WHAT'S GOING ON?


...PLUS...




BUT IT IS BECAUSE ONE UNDERSTANDS SUCH PAIN THAT GENEROSITY TOWARD OTHERS BECOMES SECOND NATURE.
VWOOM
THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN.


...


WHAT... DO YOU MEAN?


TO GROW UP.


GROW UP?
I STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND.

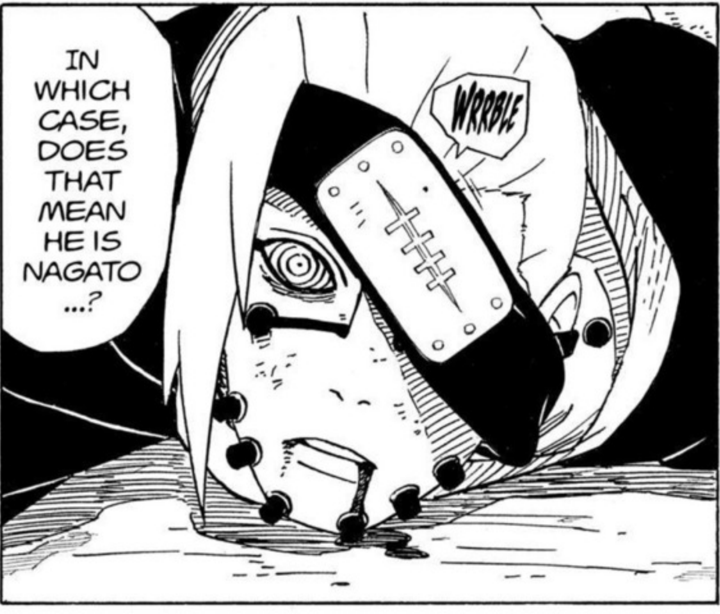

TO BECOME ABLE TO THINK AND MAKE YOUR OWN DECISIONS.


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THERE WERE TOO MANY DEATHS IN THIS LAND.
THE PAIN FORCED ME TO GROW UP.


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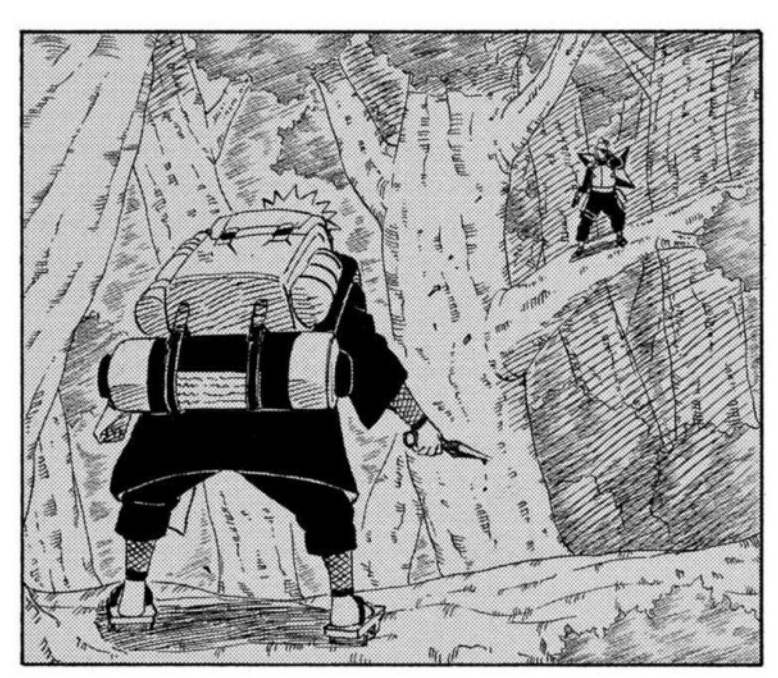

WRRBLE
IN WHICH CASE, DOES THAT MEAN HE IS NAGATO ...?

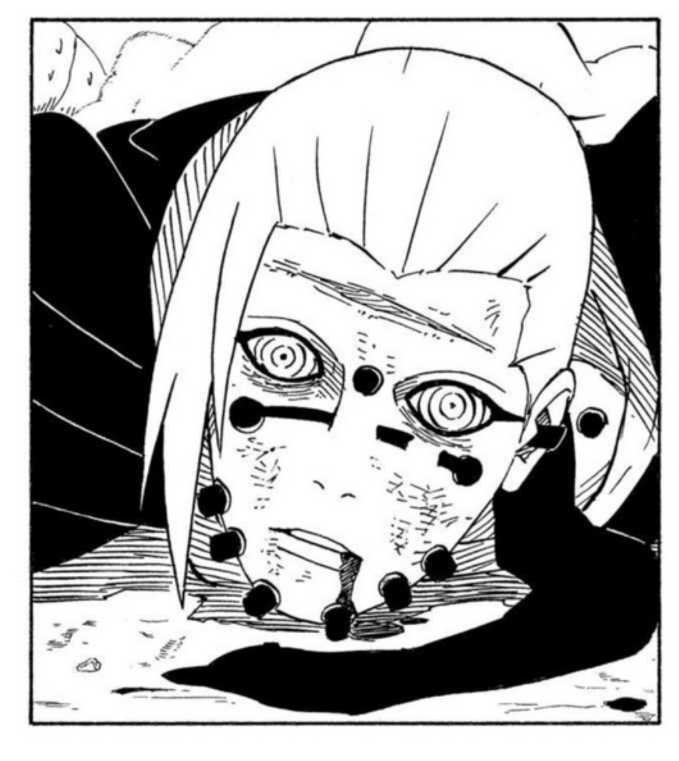
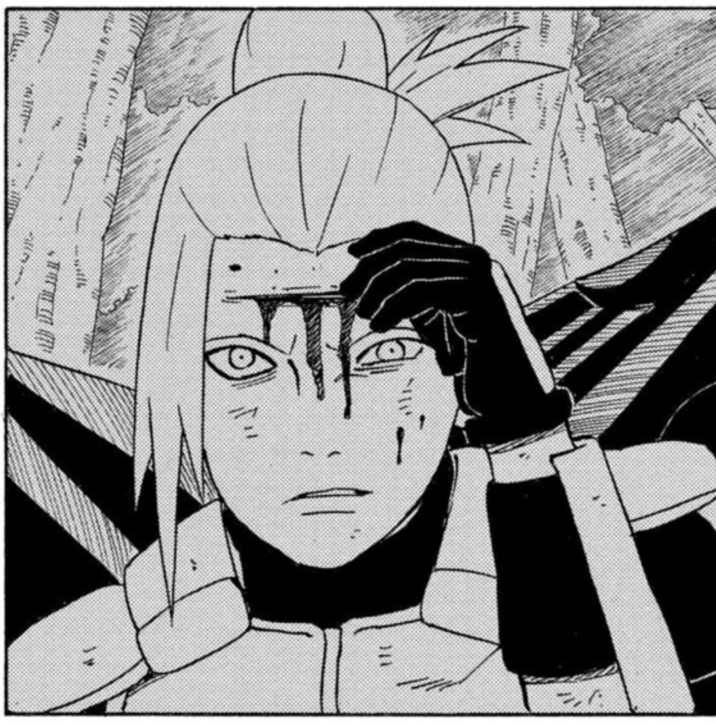



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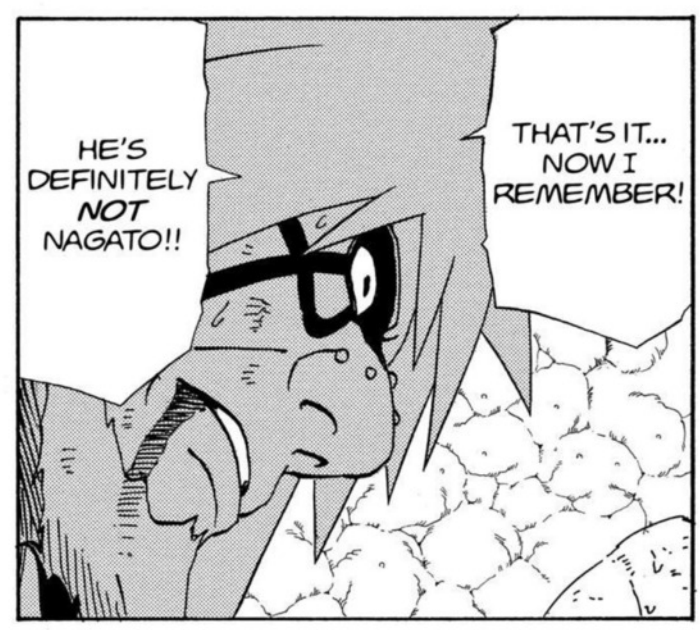

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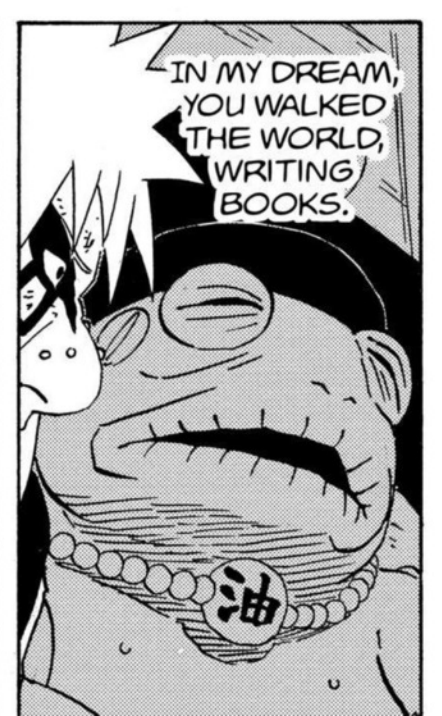

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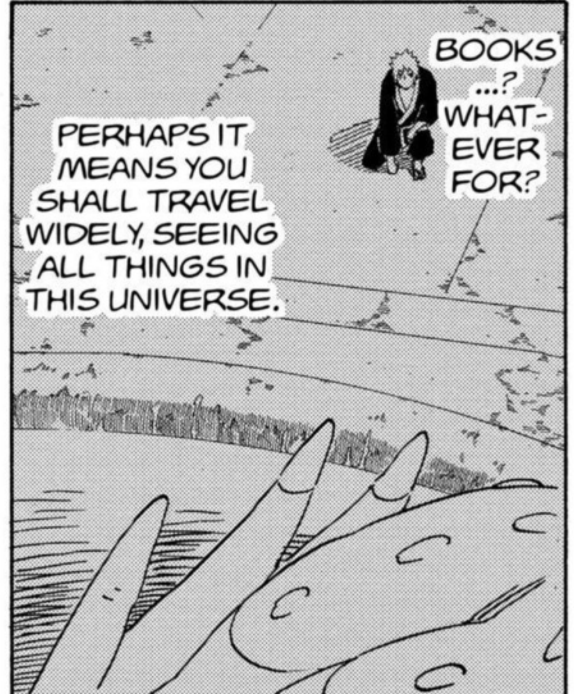

THAT'S IT... NOW I REMEMBER!
HE'S DEFINITELY *NOT* NAGATO!!


?
WHAT'S DA MATTER?
THIS FELLOW IN FRONT OF US... I HAVE FACED HIM TOO BEFORE...

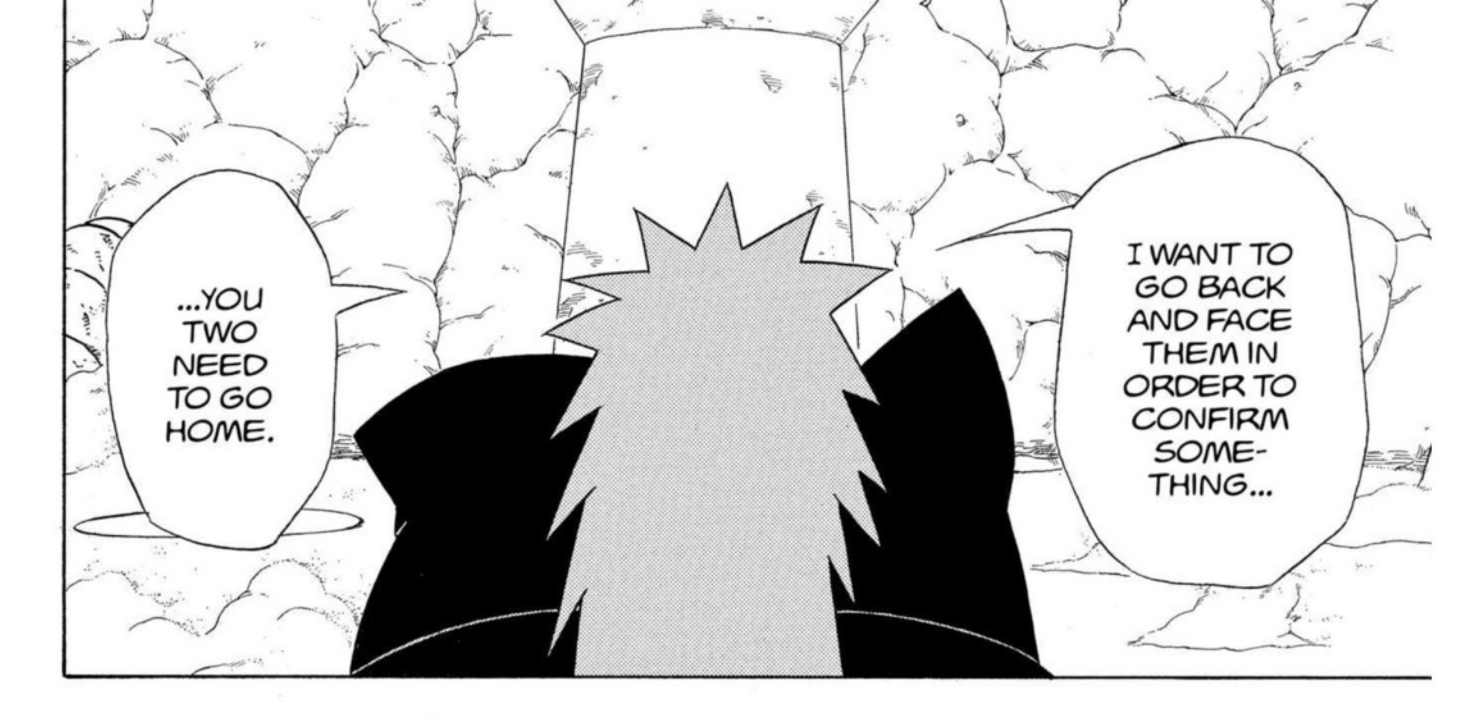

IT WAS RIGHT AFTER I HAD SET OUT ON MY JOURNEY, FOLLOWING THE GREAT LORD ELDER'S PROPHECY...
...HE WAS A FUMA CLAN MEMBER WHO ATTACKED ME ON A MOUNTAIN PATH.
I GAVE HIM THAT SCAR ON HIS FOREHEAD...


SO WHAT'S SUCH A FELLER DOIN' HERE?
THIS MAKES THE WHOLE BLASTED PAIN THING EVEN MORE CONFUSIN' ...!


IN MY DREAM, YOU WALKED THE WORLD, WRITING BOOKS.


BOOKS ...? WHATEVER FOR?
PERHAPS IT MEANS YOU SHALL TRAVEL WIDELY, SEEING ALL THINGS IN THIS UNIVERSE.


DON'T TELL ME... IF THAT PROPHECY IS REAL...


I WANT TO GO BACK AND FACE THEM IN ORDER TO CONFIRM SOME-THING...
...YOU TWO NEED TO GO HOME.


WHA ?!
NO WAY! IF YOU GO BACK OUT THERE, YOU'LL BE KILLED FOR SURE!!
THERE'RE MORE PAIRS O' EYES NOW! AND OUR BARRIER TRAP WON'T WORK ON 'EM A SECOND TIME!!


RIGHT NOW, THEY HAVEN'T EVEN PICKED UP ON OUR LOCATION YET.
THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO GET THE PLUM OUT OF DODGE!


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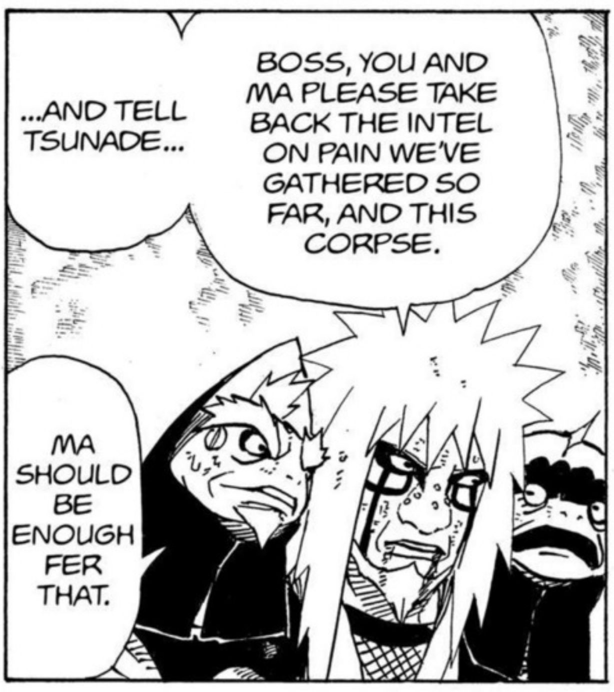

FOR SURE, IF I GO BACK OUT, I MAY BE KILLED.
BUT I MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO DEDUCE OUR ENEMY'S TRUE IDENTITY...

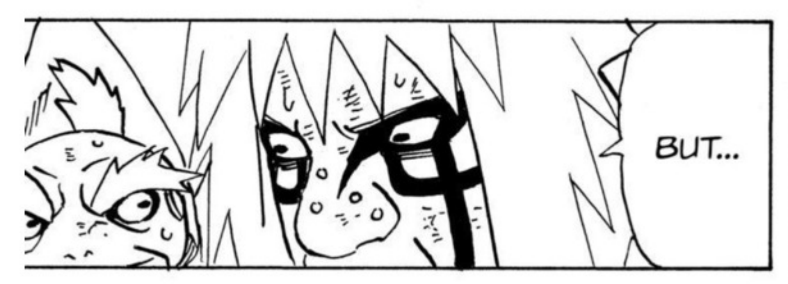

IF I LET THIS CHANCE SLIP BY, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE ELSE WHO COULD GET AS CLOSE TO PAIN.
THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH...
PLUS...


?


...*THIS* IS THE TIME FOR SELECTION THAT THE GREAT LORD ELDER PROPHESIED!


...


BOSS, YOU AND MA PLEASE TAKE BACK THE INTEL ON PAIN WE'VE GATHERED SO FAR, AND THIS CORPSE.
...AND TELL TSUNADE...
MA SHOULD BE ENOUGH FER THAT.


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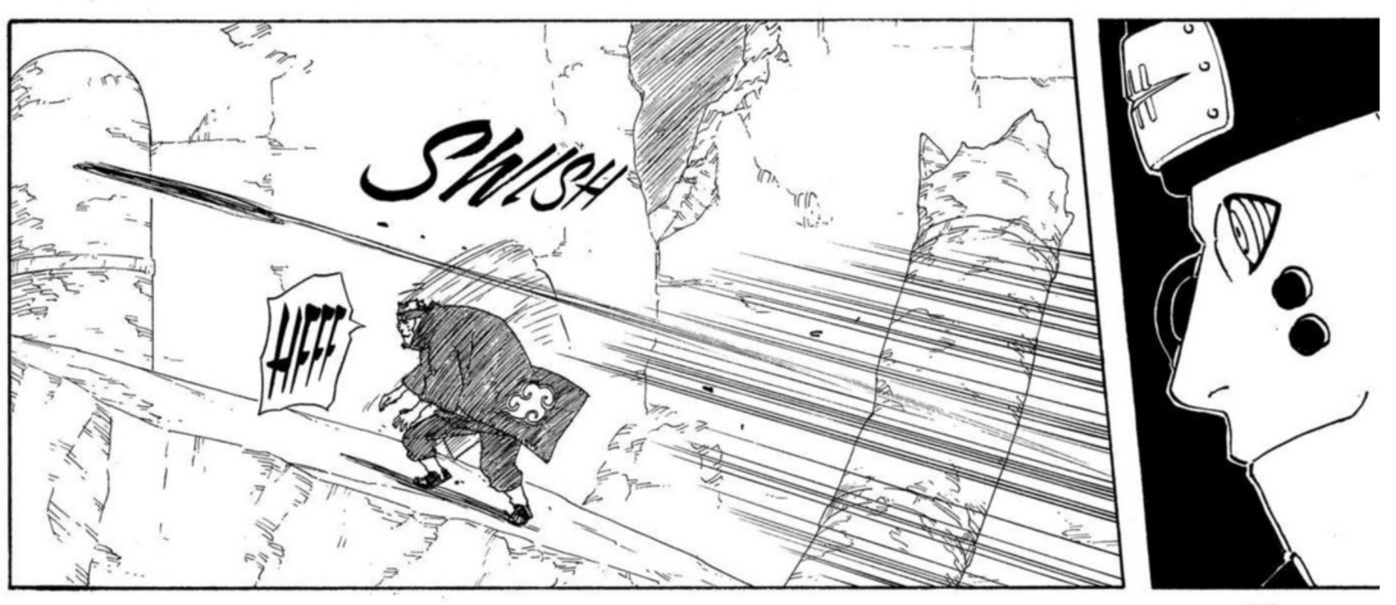

Y'ALL JUST BETTER BE HOME BY SUPPER-TIME.


YEAH... WHEN WE'RE DONE HERE, I'LL BRING JIRAIYA-BOY ON OVER WITH ME.

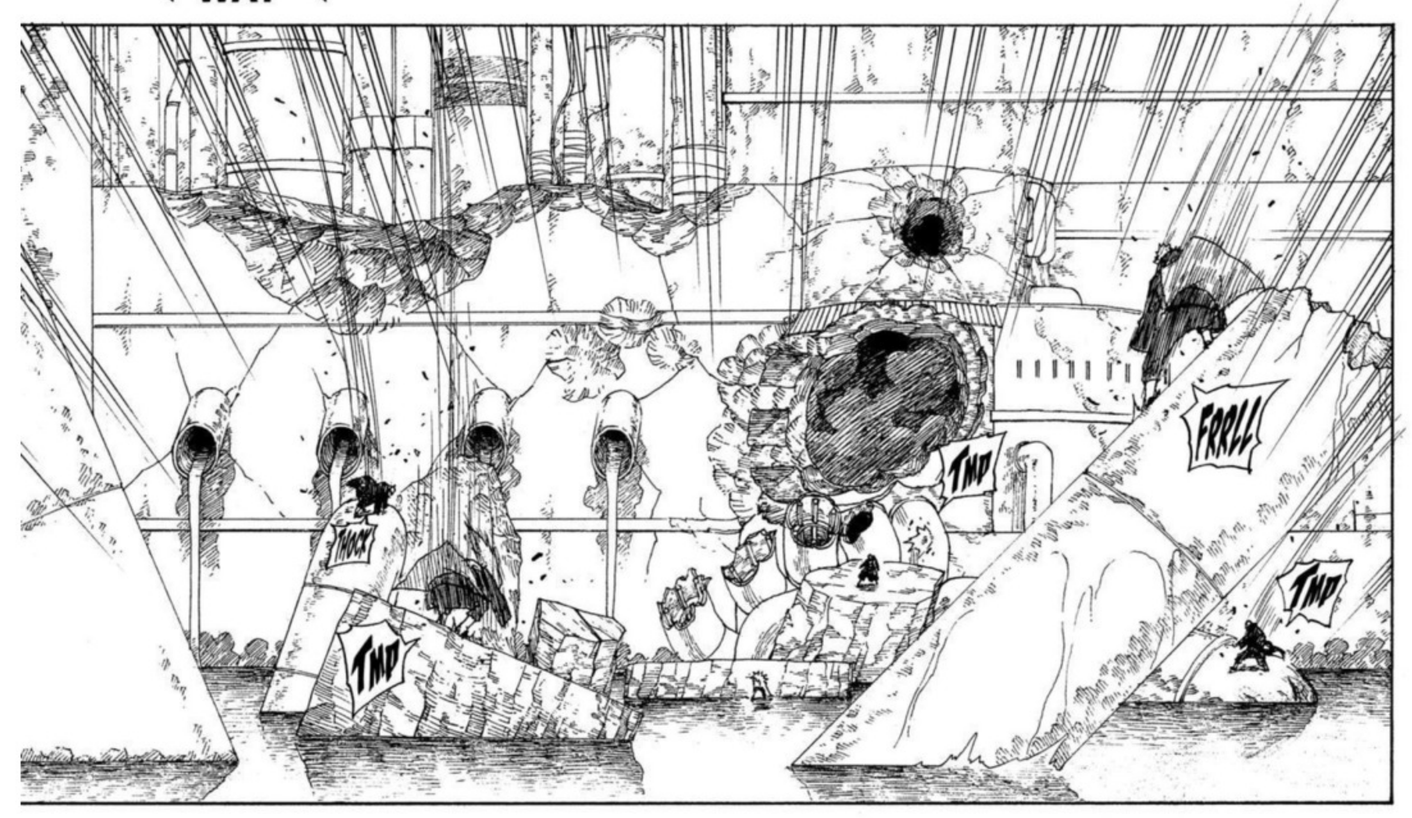

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...
THANK YOU...

VWOOP
GLUP GLUP GLUP...
PLOP
GLUP GLUP
BOOF
FSH...




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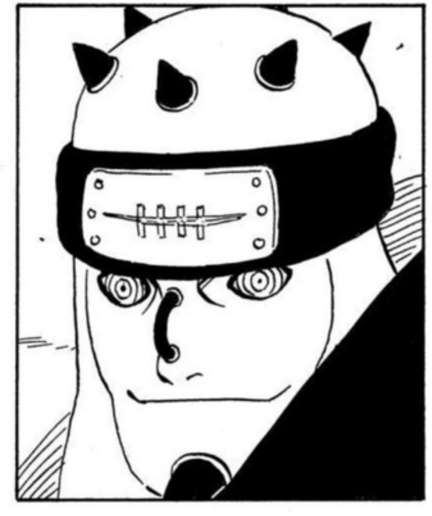

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THOCK
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SPLISH











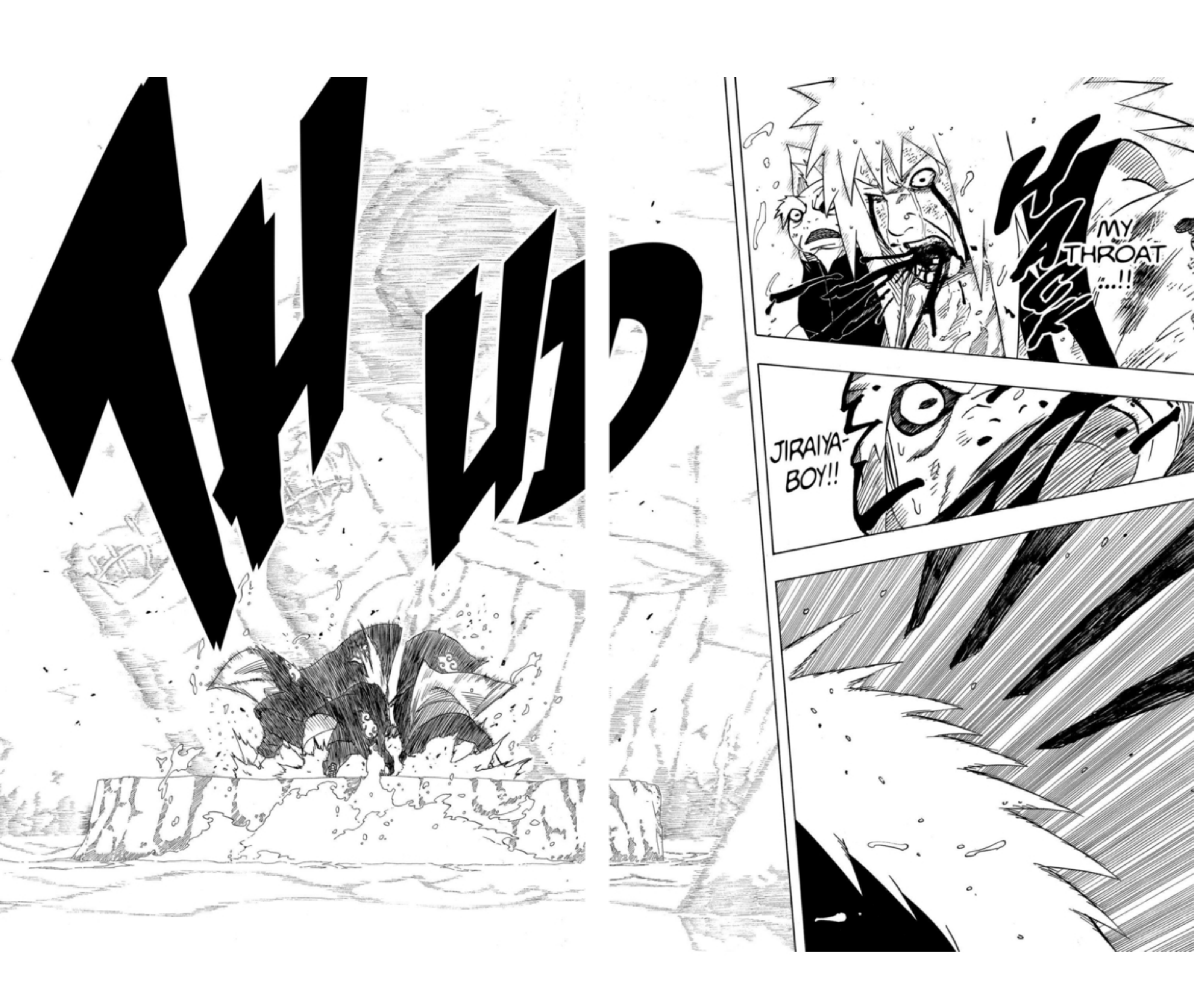

IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT!
THEY'RE ALL SHINOBI THAT I'VE ENCOUN-TERED BEFORE!!



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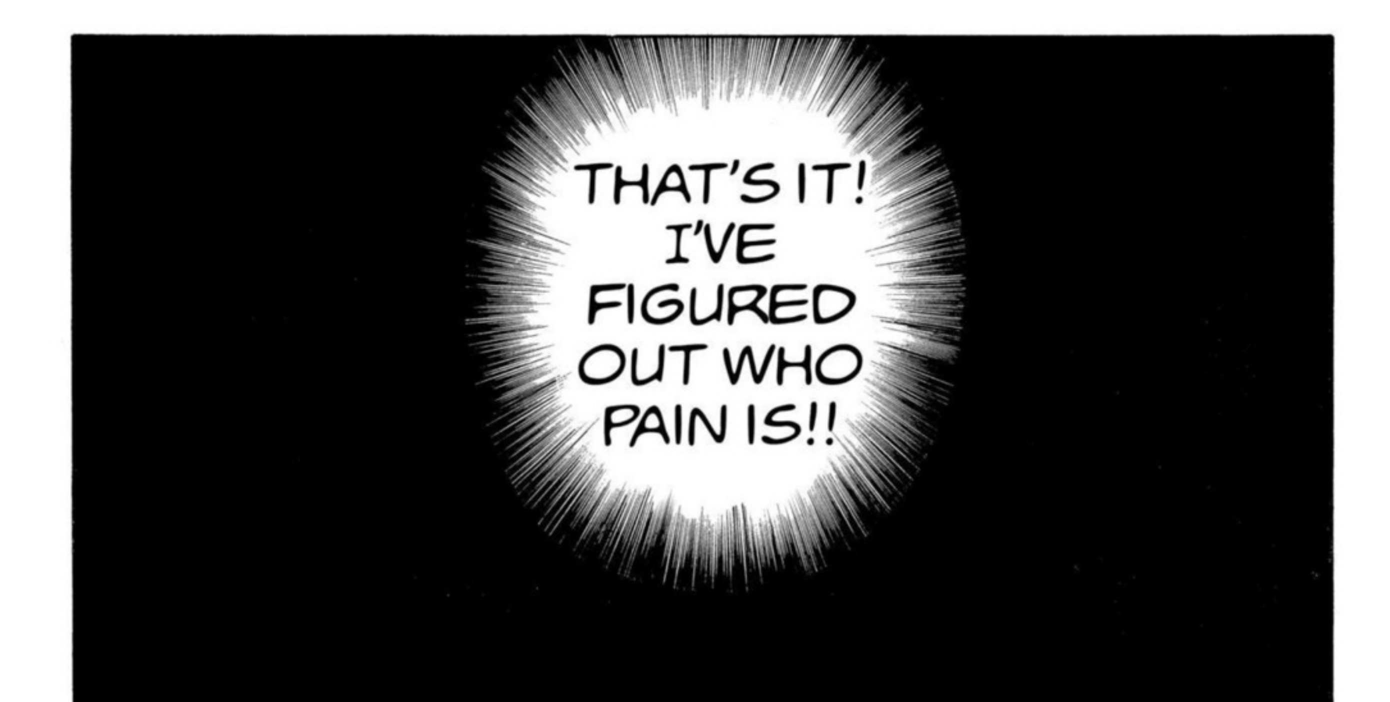
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?!!


MY THROAT ...!!
JIRAIYA-BOY!!
THUD


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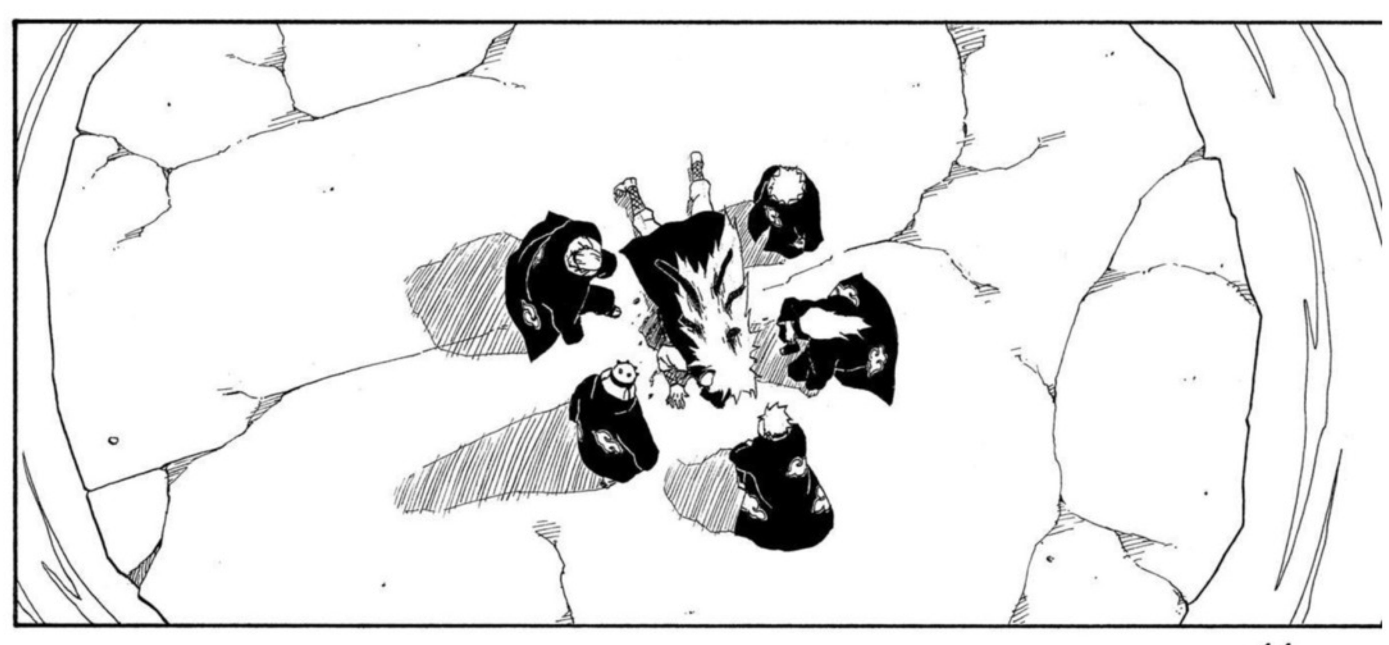
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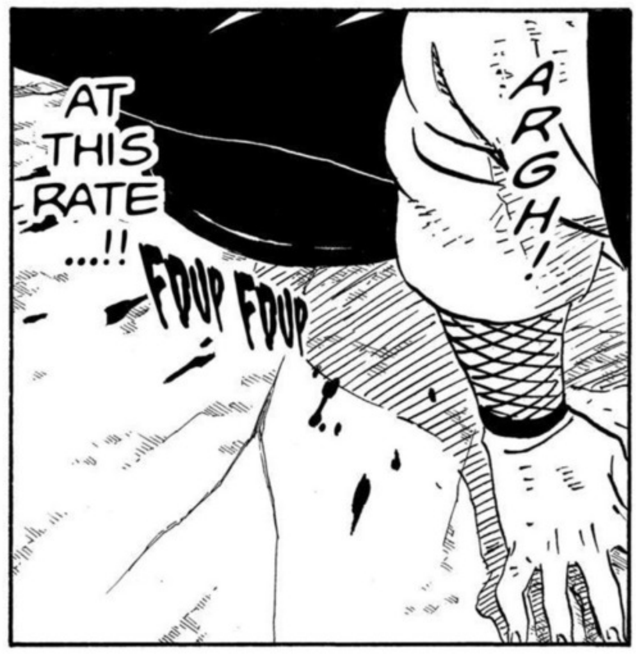
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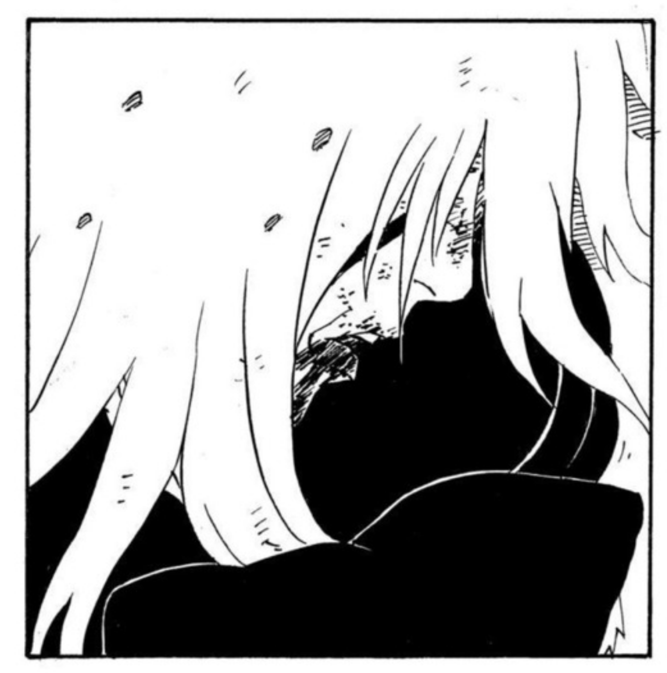
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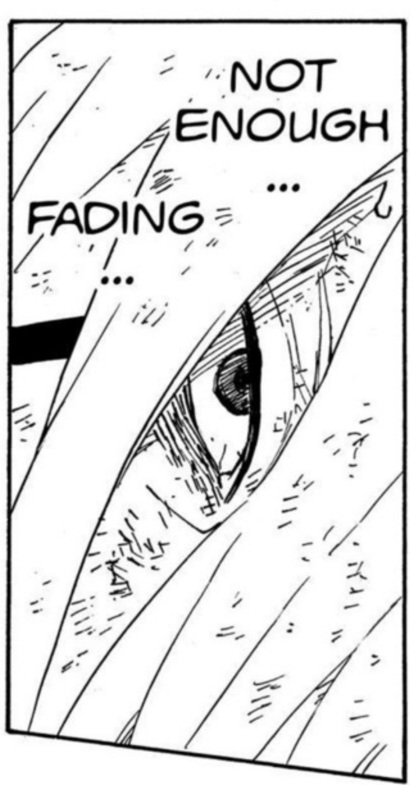
SHOOT... MY THROAT'S BEEN DESTROYED ...

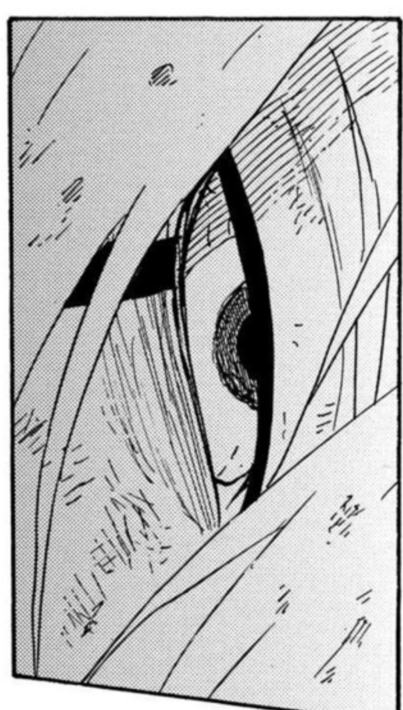




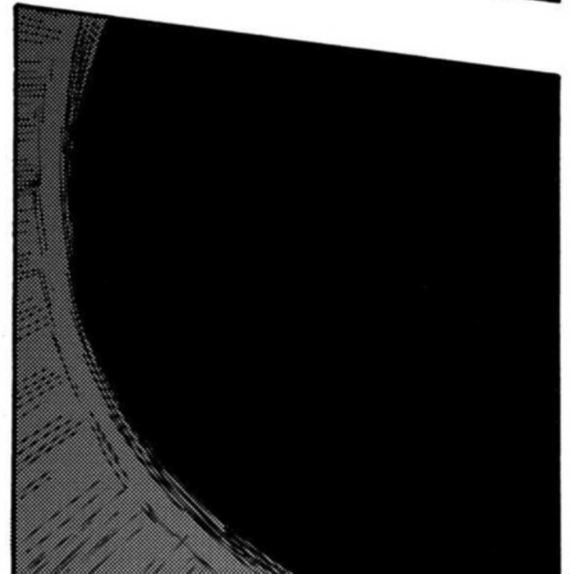












HAVE I FAILED?



THE SHINOBI WORLD IS NOT A WAY OF LIFE, BUT A MANNER OF DEATH...
A SHINOBI'S LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY HOW THEY LIVED BUT RATHER WHAT THEY MANAGED TO ACCOMPLISH BEFORE THEIR DEATH.
...AND LOOKING BACK, MY LIFE'S TALE WAS FULL OF FAILURE...



...CONTINUALLY REJECTED BY TSUNADE...

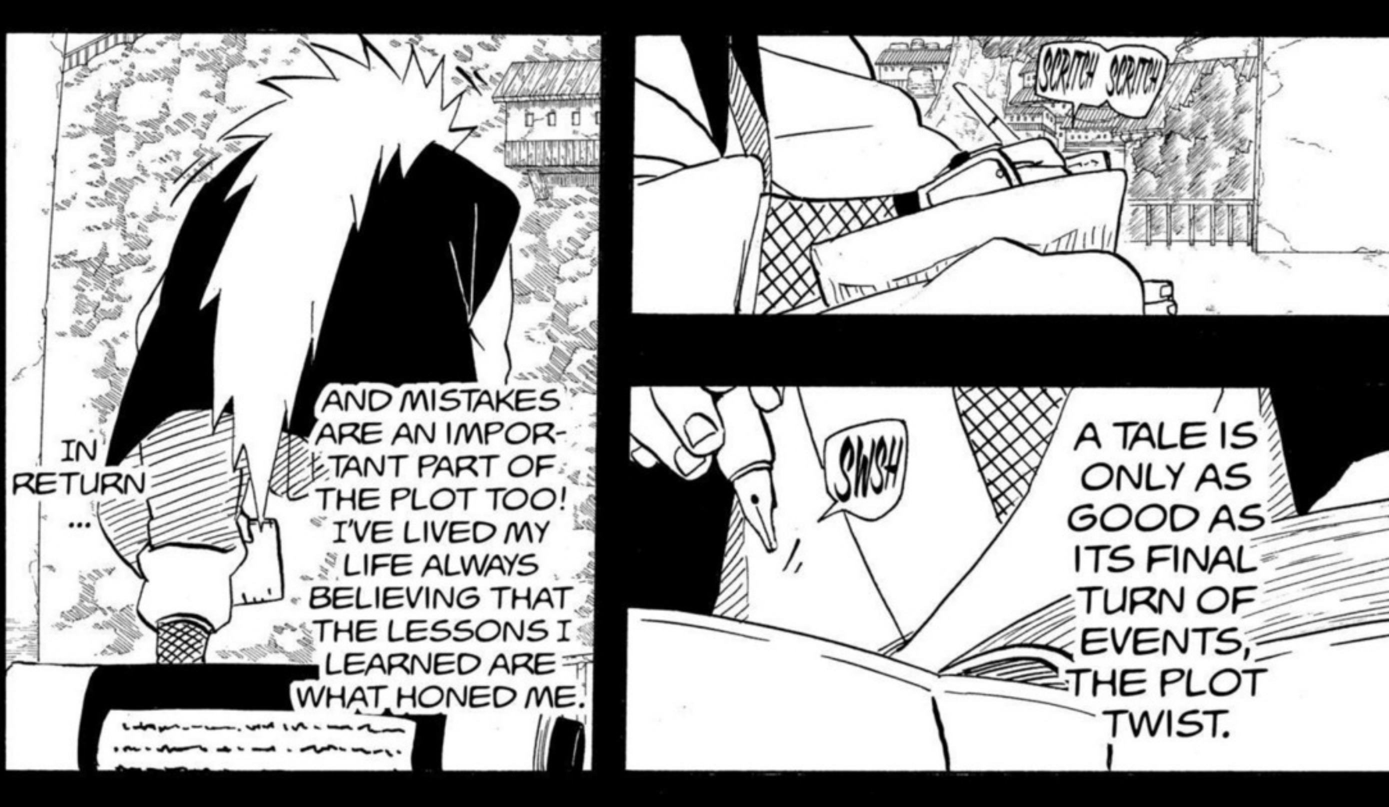
...UNABLE TO STOP MY FRIEND...

...UNABLE TO PROTECT EITHER MY DISCIPLE OR MY TEACHER...

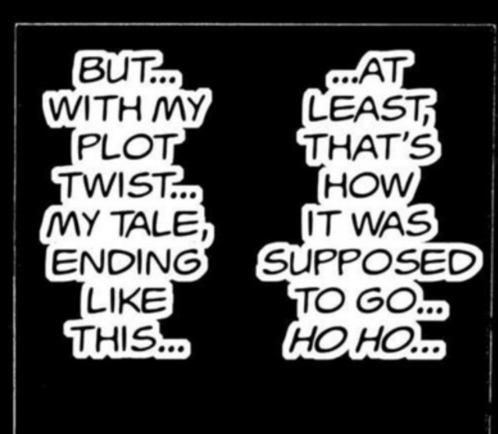
COMPARED TO THE GREAT DEEDS OF THE HOKAGE, MY ACTIONS...

...ARE TRIFLING, INSIGNIFICANT THINGS INDEED...

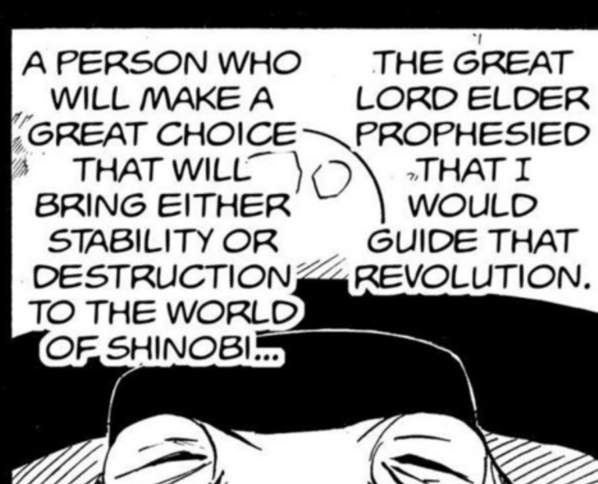

I WISH I COULD HAVE DIED LIKE EACH OF THE HOKAGE.

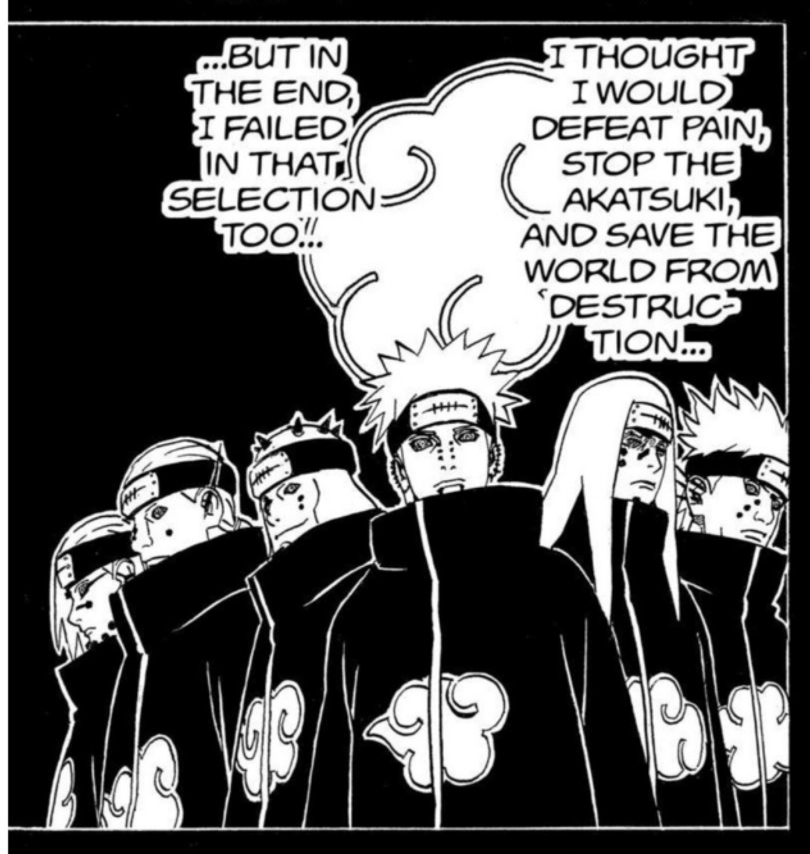

SCRITCH SCRITCH
A TALE IS ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS FINAL TURN OF EVENTS, THE PLOT TWIST.
SWISH
AND MISTAKES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PLOT TOO! I'VE LIVED MY LIFE ALWAYS BELIEVING THAT THE LESSONS I LEARNED ARE WHAT HONED ME.
IN RETURN...


...I SWORE I WOULD ACCOMPLISH A DEED SO GREAT THAT IT WOULD OBLITERATE ALL OF MY FAILURES...
...AND DIE A SPLENDID SHINOBI!


...AT LEAST, THAT'S HOW IT WAS SUPPOSED TO GO... HO HO...
BUT... WITH MY PLOT TWIST... MY TALE, ENDING LIKE THIS...


READ THIS WAY


THE GREAT LORD ELDER PROPHESIED THAT I WOULD GUIDE THAT REVOLUTION.
A PERSON WHO WILL MAKE A GREAT CHOICE THAT WILL BRING EITHER STABILITY OR DESTRUCTION TO THE WORLD OF SHINOBI...


I THOUGHT I WOULD DEFEAT PAIN, STOP THE AKATSUKI, AND SAVE THE WORLD FROM DESTRUCTION...
...BUT IN THE END, I FAILED IN THAT SELECTION TOO...


SO PITIFUL...
...THAT THIS WILL BE THE TWIST TO "THE TALE OF JIRAIYA THE GALLANT"...

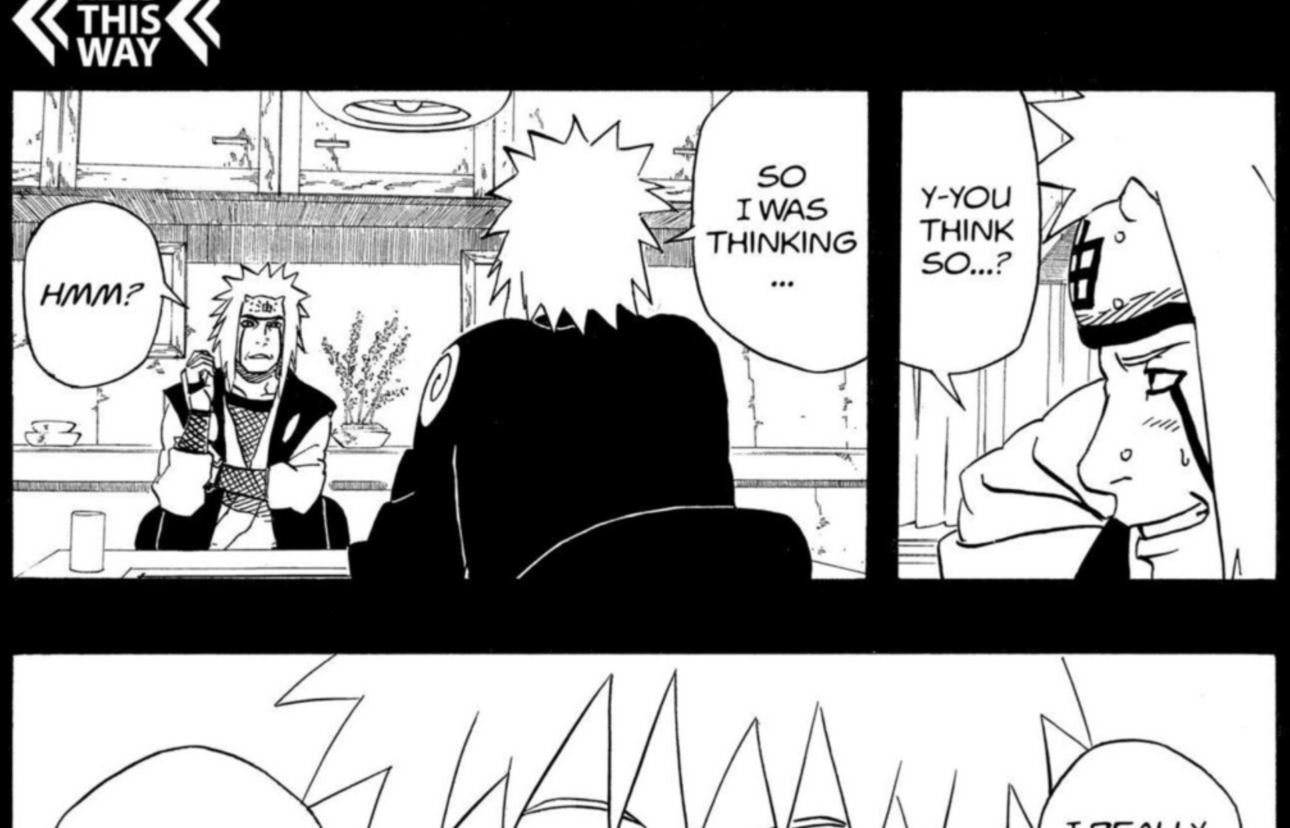

WHAT A WORTHLESS STORY...


NO, NO, I DON'T THINK SO.


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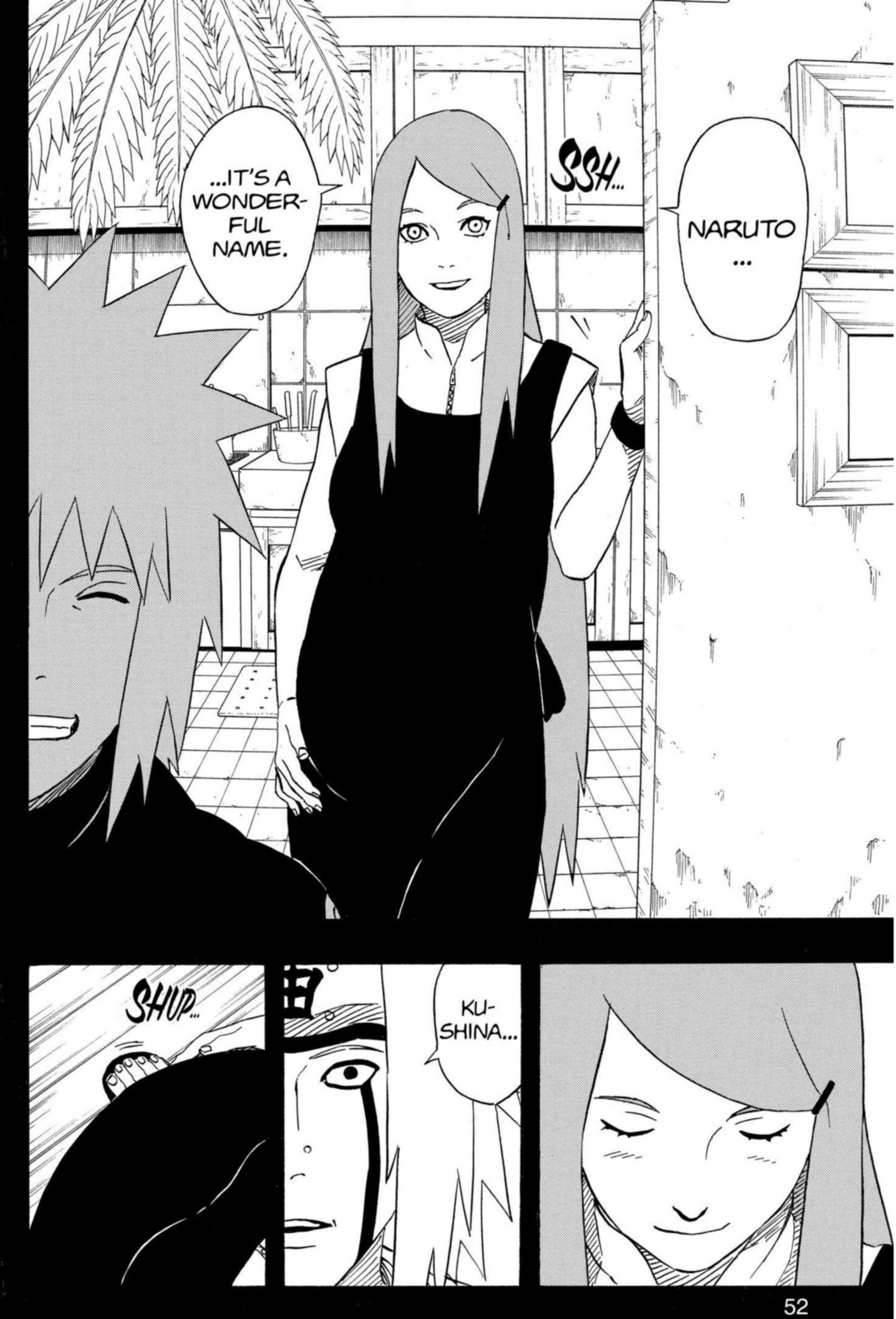

I THINK THIS TALE IS WONDERFUL!
EACH CHAPTER READS LIKE ONE OF YOUR NUMEROUS LEGENDARY EXPLOITS...
...LIKE IT'S ALMOST AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL!
SOME AUTOBIOGRAPHY ...
...THE SALES TANKED.
MAYBE I OUGHT TO INSERT SOME CLANDESTINE INTERLUDES INTO MY NEXT NOVEL...?
THE MAIN CHARACTER OF THIS BOOK... I THOUGHT HIS DETERMINATION TO NEVER GIVE UP WAS REALLY COOL...
A LOT LIKE YOU, MASTER.


READ THIS WAY

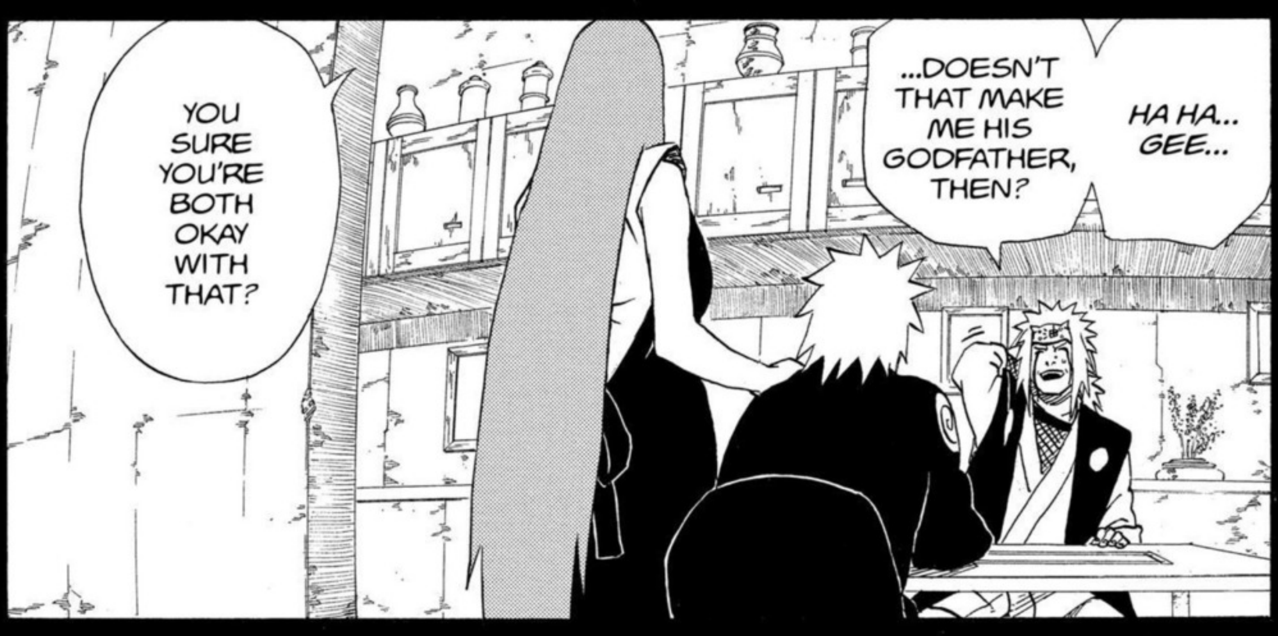

Y-YOU THINK SO...?
SO I WAS THINKING ...
HMM?


I REALLY HOPE MY SOON-TO-BE BORN CHILD...
...CAN BECOME A SPLENDID SHINOBI JUST LIKE THIS MAIN CHARACTER!

WHICH IS WHY I'D LIKE YOUR PERMISSION...
...TO NAME MY SON AFTER HIM.
...H-HEY! ARE YOU SURE?
I MEAN, I RANDOMLY CAME UP WITH IT WHILE EATING RAMEN...


NARUTO ...
SSH...
...IT'S A WONDERFUL NAME.
KU-SHINA...
SHUP...


READ THIS WAY


...DOESN'T THAT MAKE ME HIS GODFATHER, THEN?
HA HA... GEE...
YOU SURE YOU'RE BOTH OKAY WITH THAT?

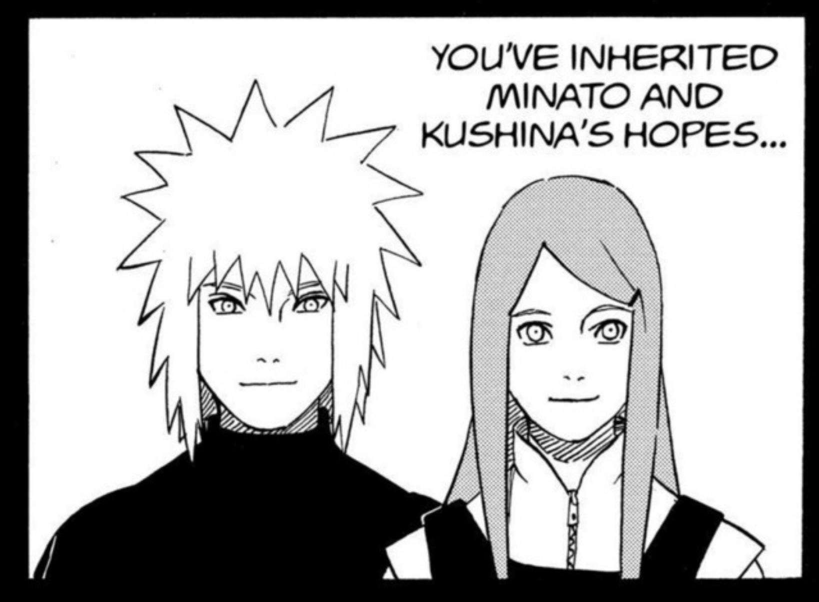

WE DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO IS AS SPLENDID AS YOU...
...WHO POSSESSES THE TRUE TALENT OF A GENUINE SHINOBI.
WE WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!
OH...


THAT'S RIGHT...
I GAVE THAT CHILD...


I'M GONNA BE HOKAGE!!
A HOKAGE THAT SURPASSES ALL PREVIOUS HOKAGE!!
I NEVER GO BACK ON MY WORD...
...THAT'S MY SHINOBI WAY!



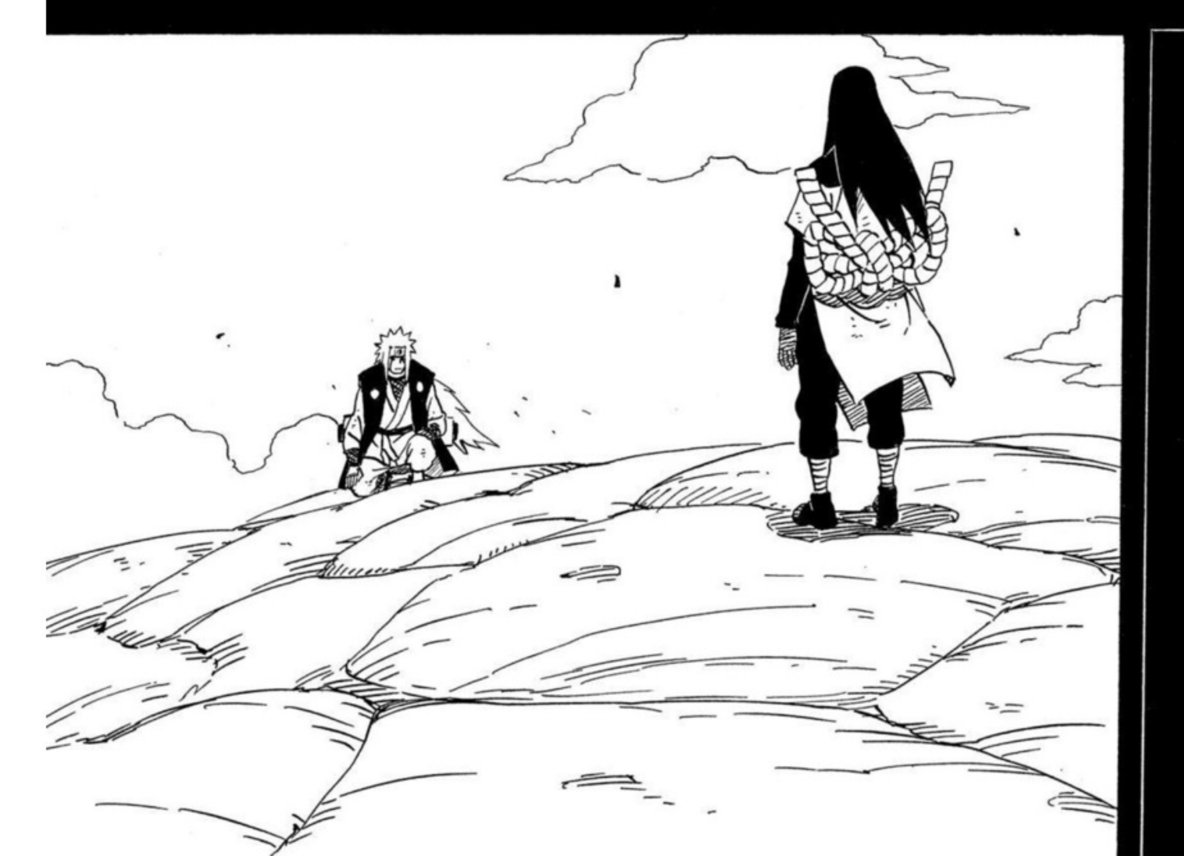
NARUTO... NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU ARE JUST LIKE THAT NOVEL'S MAIN CHARACTER.

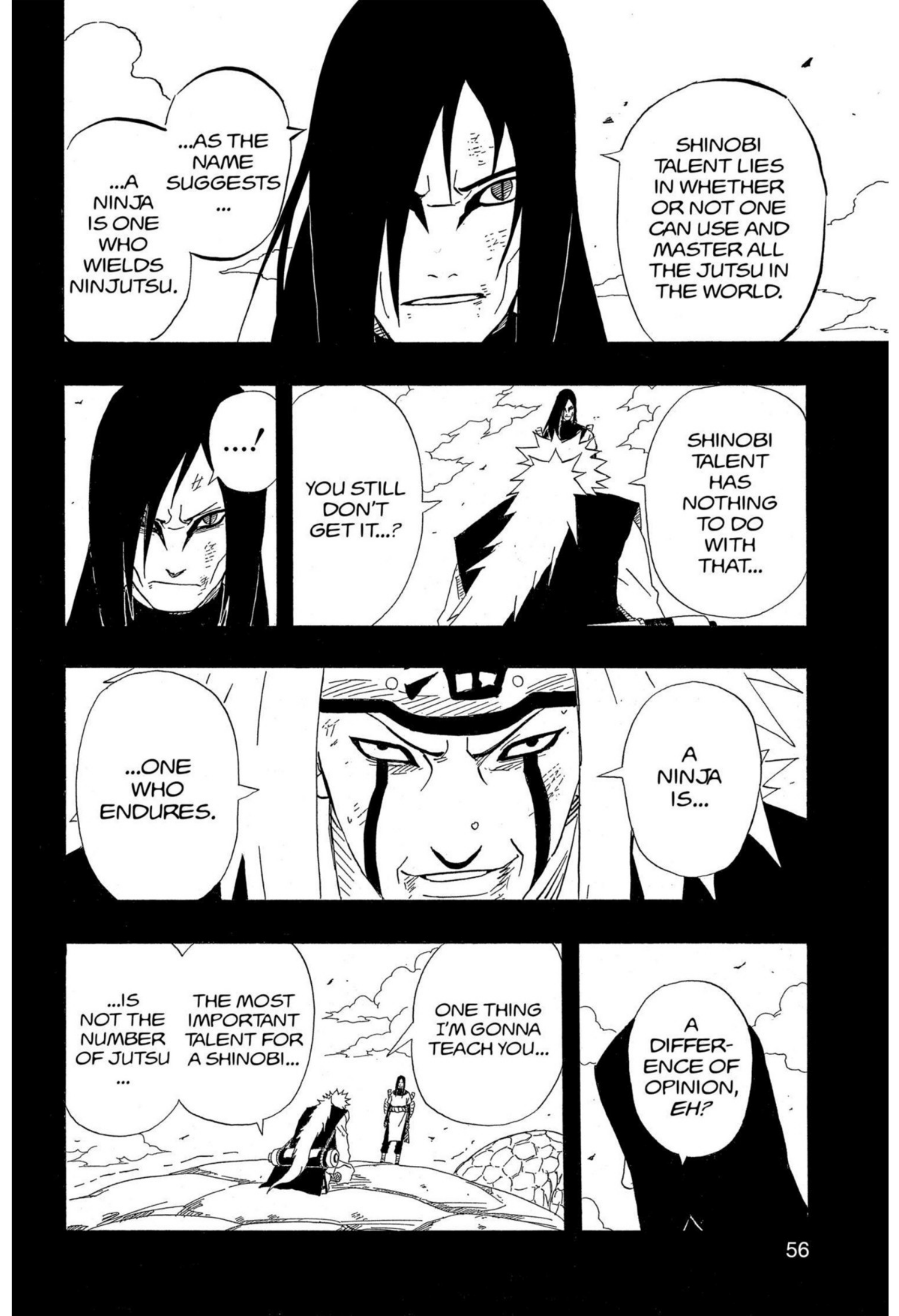


AND YET... I...



...





SHINOBI TALENT LIES IN WHETHER OR NOT ONE CAN USE AND MASTER ALL THE JUTSU IN THE WORLD.
...AS THE NAME SUGGESTS...
...A NINJA IS ONE WHO WIELDS NINJUTSU.
SHINOBI TALENT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT...
YOU STILL DON'T GET IT...?
...!
A NINJA IS...
...ONE WHO ENDURES.
A DIFFER-ENCE OF OPINION, EH?
ONE THING I'M GONNA TEACH YOU...
THE MOST IMPORTANT TALENT FOR A SHINOBI...
...IS NOT THE NUMBER OF JUTSU...



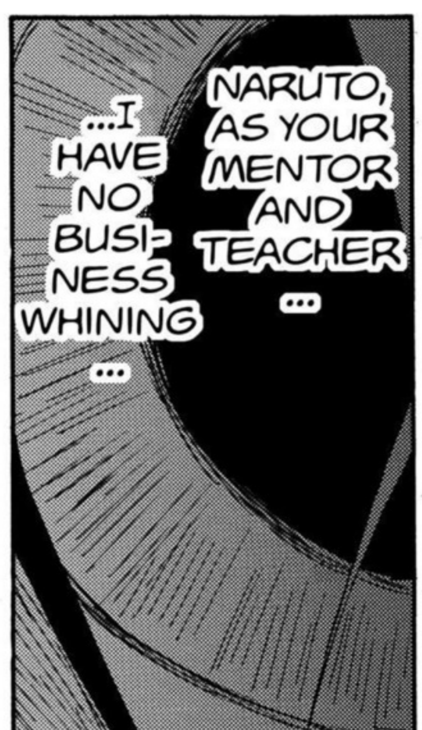


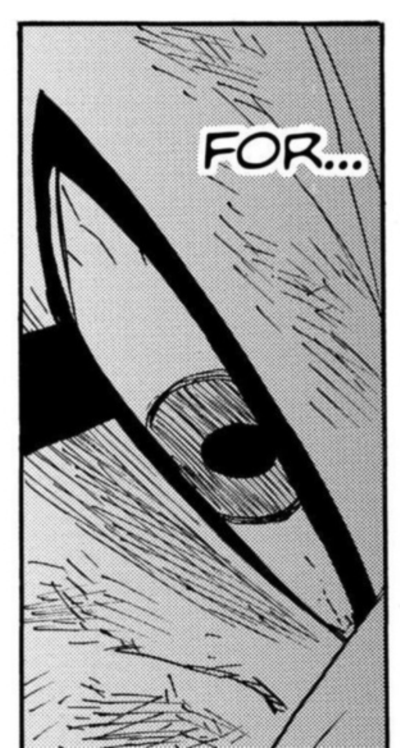




IF NEVER GOING BACK ON YOUR WORD AND NEVER GIVING UP...

...IS YOUR SHINOBI WAY...



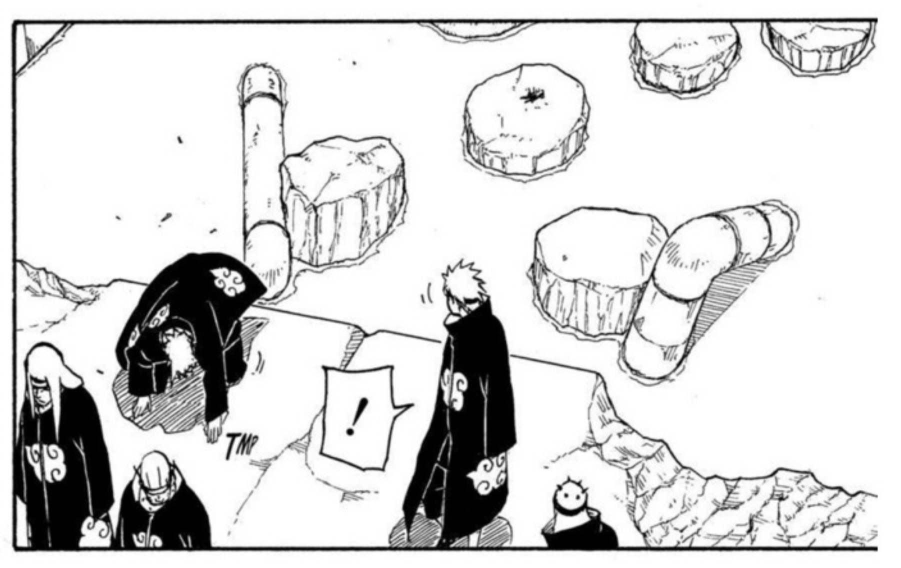


GGG ...!!

JIRAIYA-BOY?!

...IT'S GENERALLY AGREED UPON THAT A DISCIPLE INHERITS HIS SHINOBI WAY FROM HIS TEACHER! RIGHT, NARUTO?

UNNH

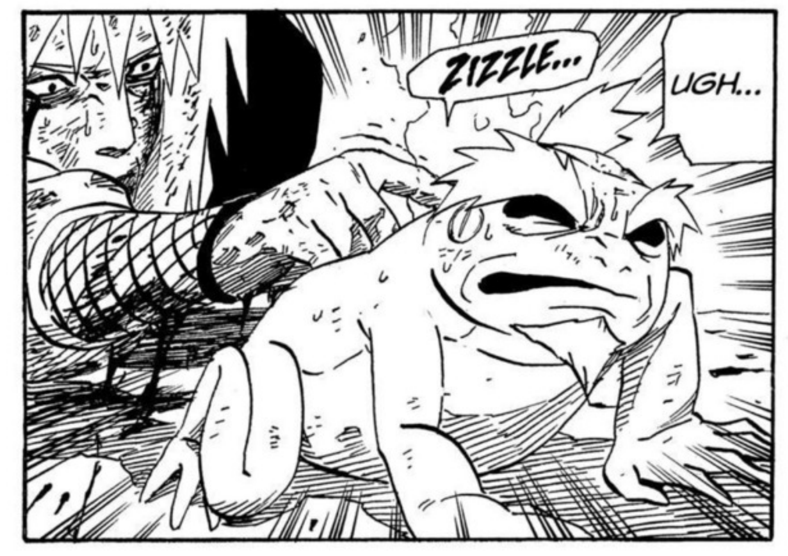


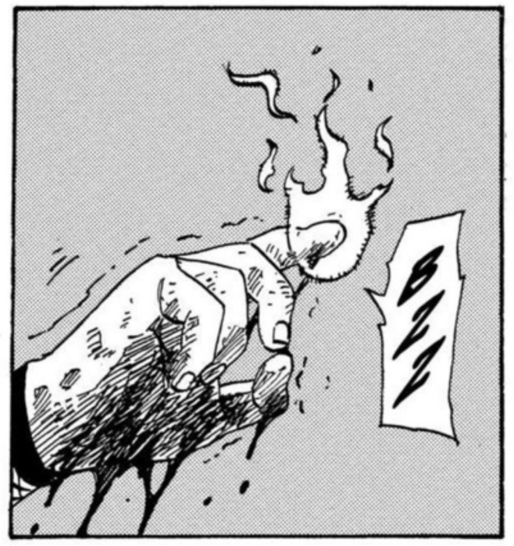






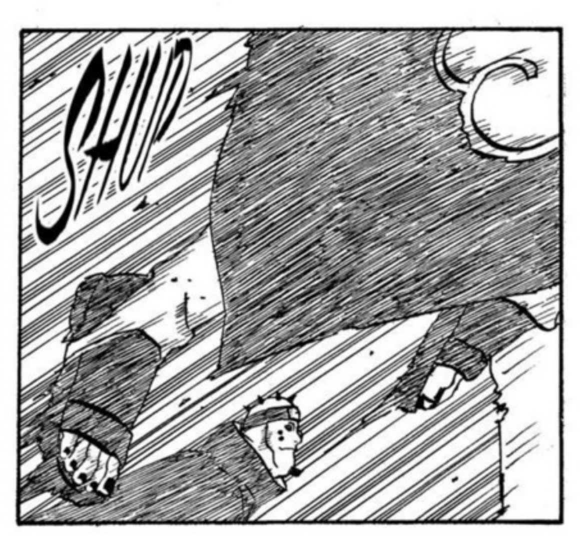

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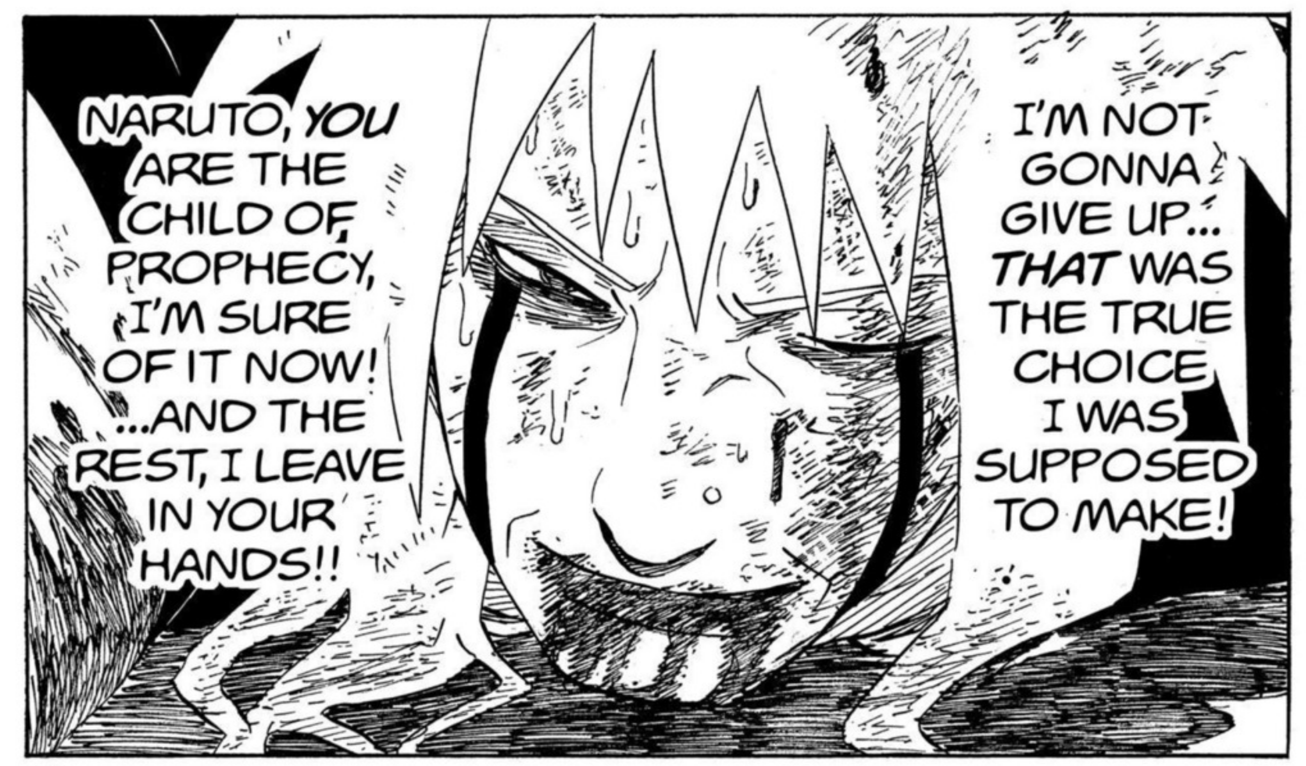

ZIZZLE...
UGH...

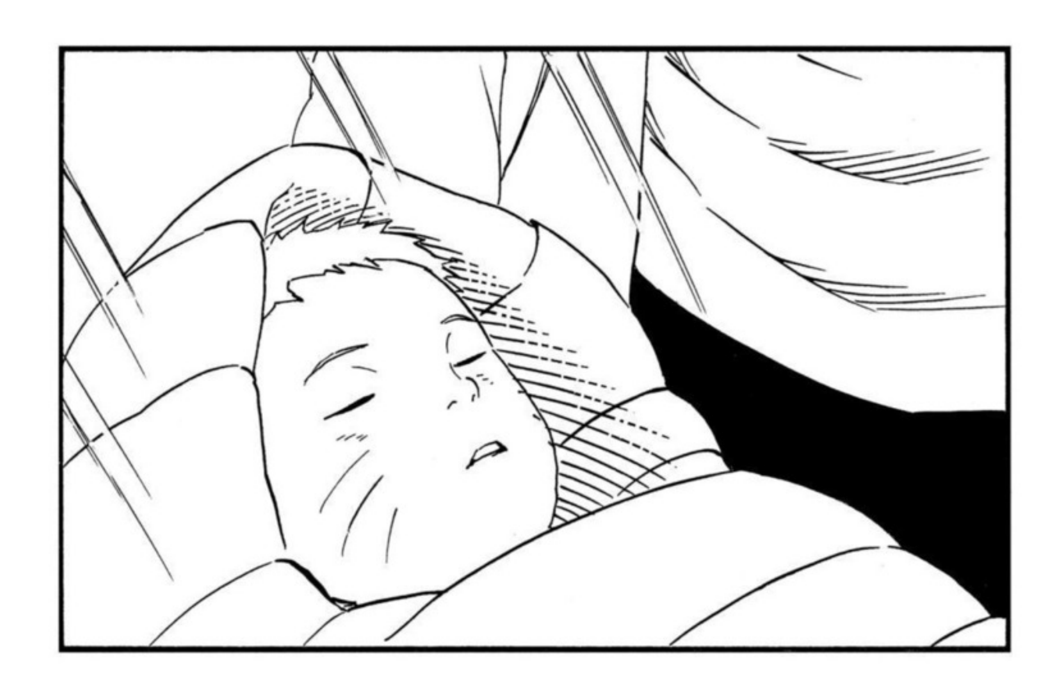

BZZZ




ZIZZZZ
ALL RIGHT! MESSAGE RECEIVED!!


SHUP


I'M NOT GONNA GIVE UP... *THAT* WAS THE TRUE CHOICE I WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE!
NARUTO, *YOU* ARE THE CHILD OF PROPHECY, I'M SURE OF IT NOW! ...AND THE REST, I LEAVE IN YOUR HANDS!!




Number 383: The Final Chapter and...!!
WHAT CAN A CHILD LIKE YOU DO, EH?
YOU'RE SO FULL OF YOURSELF!
BWA
GAH!!
AM

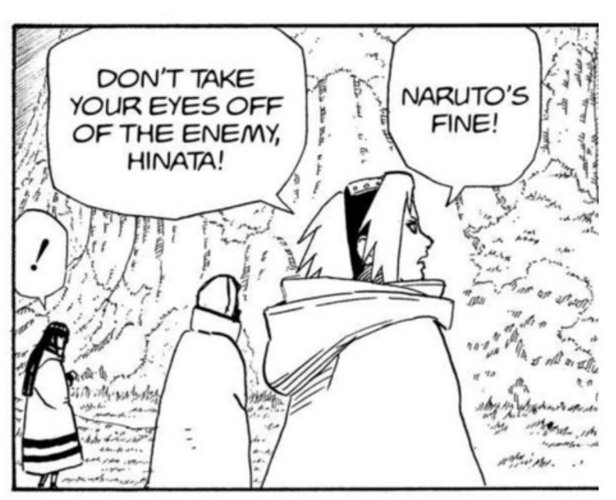
BWAM

UGH!

BOOF

SPLOOSH

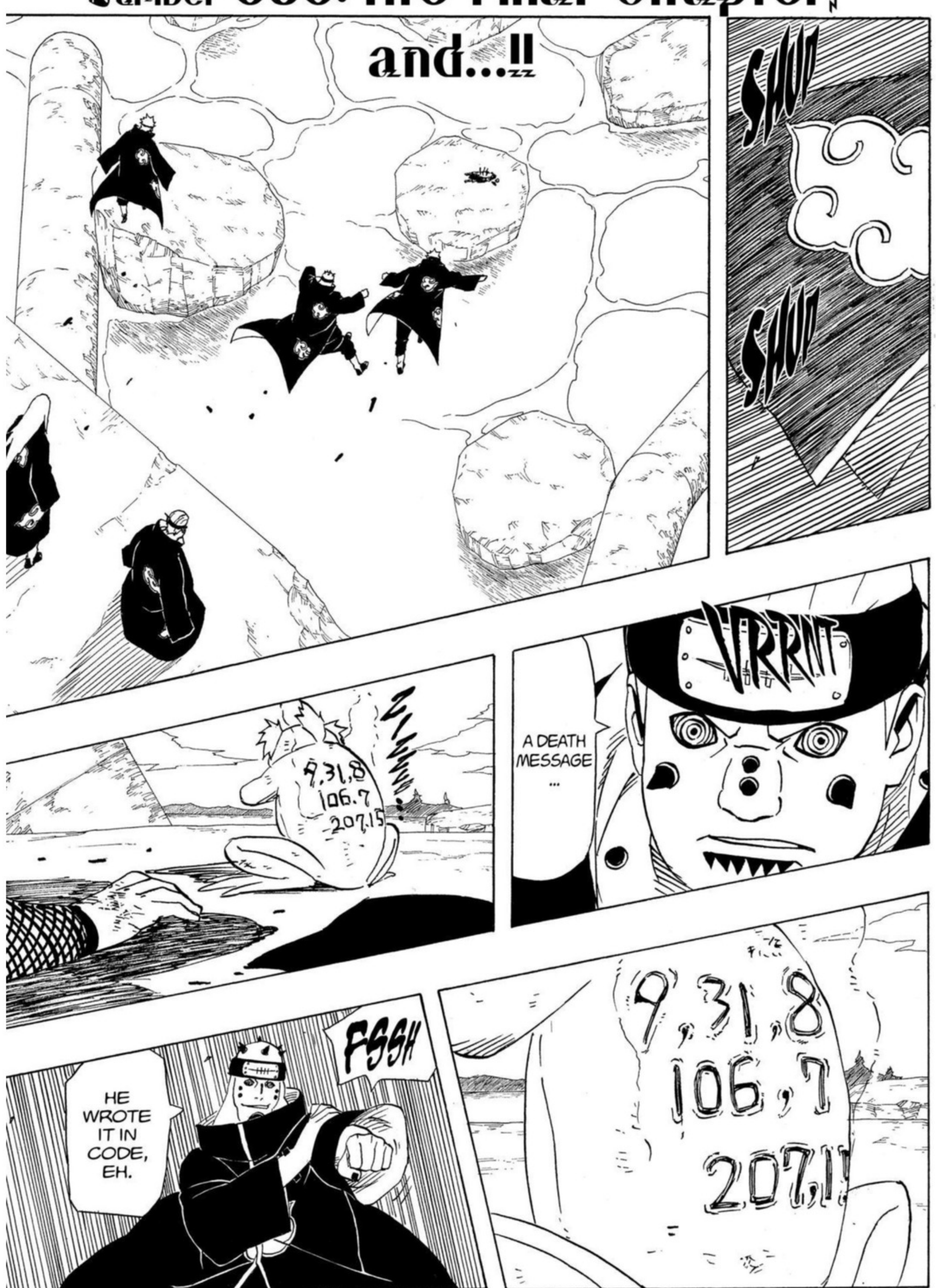
NARUTO!!





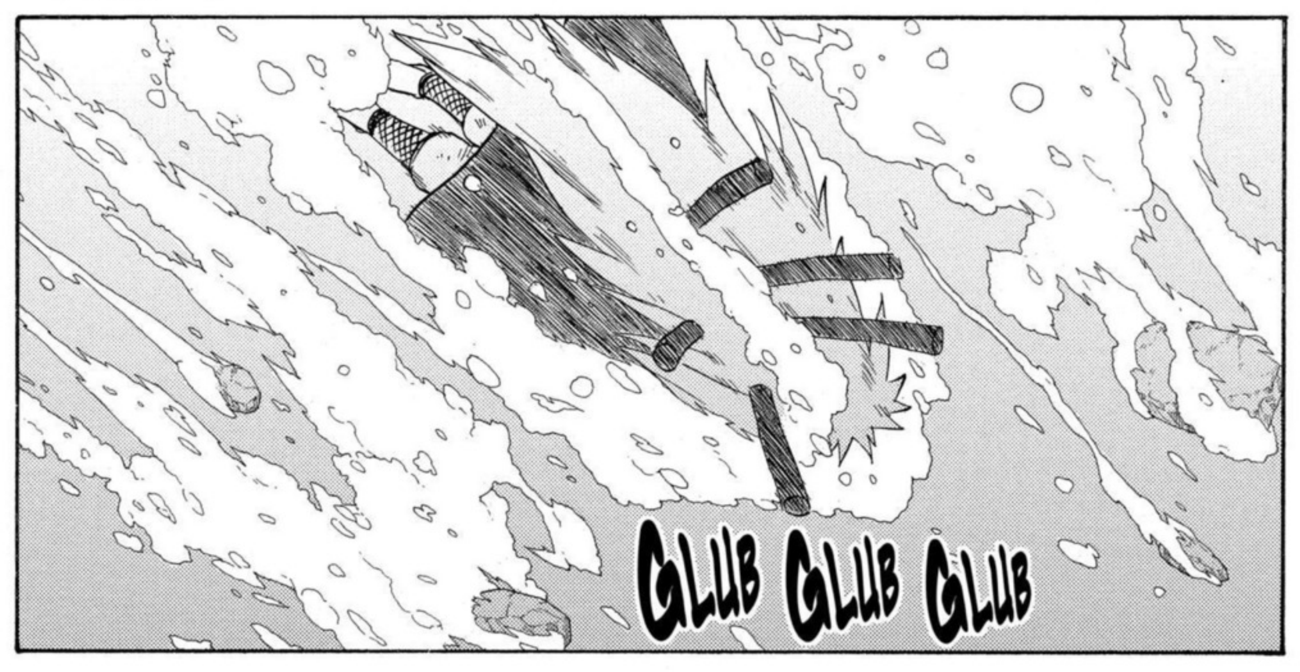


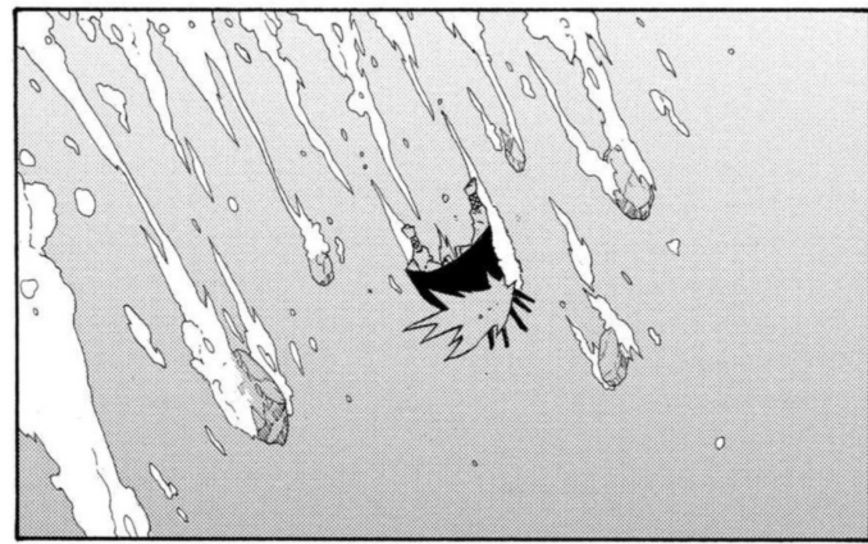
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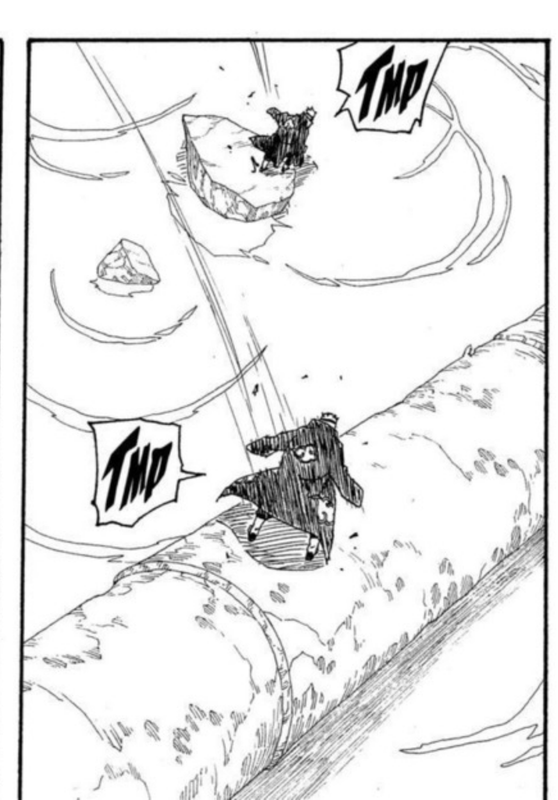

BW
AM
KA
BOOM


READ
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WAY


GLUB GLUB GLUB

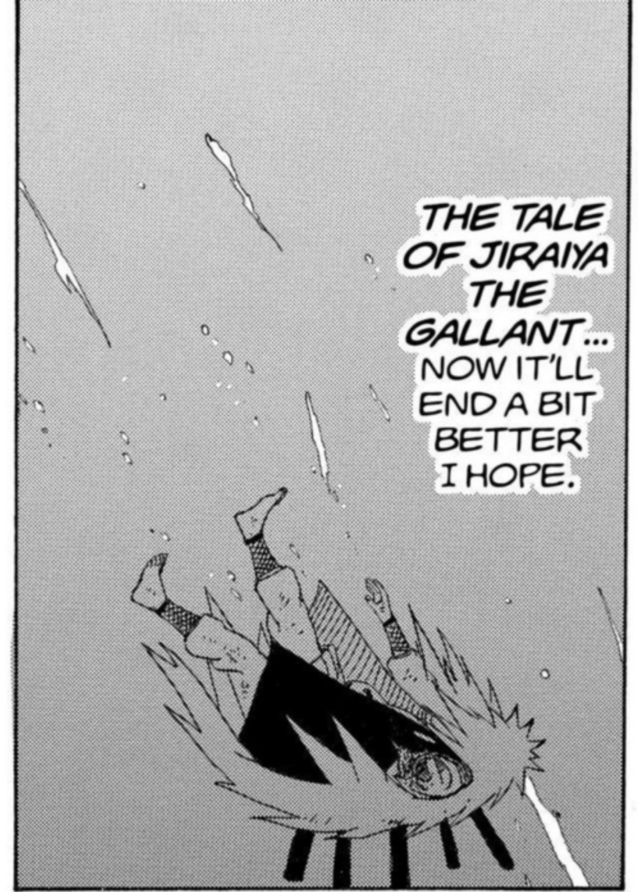
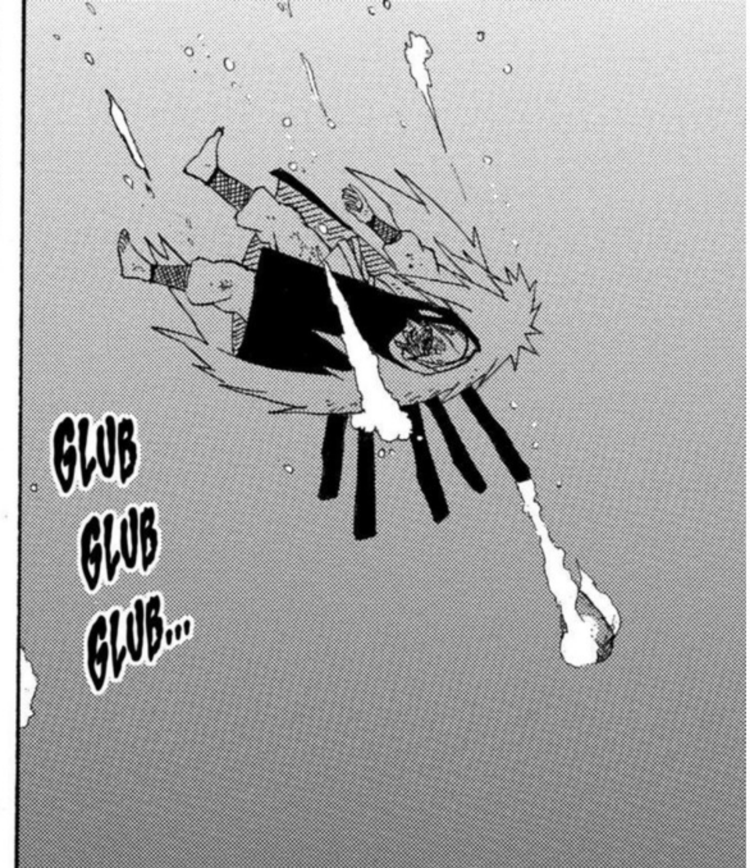
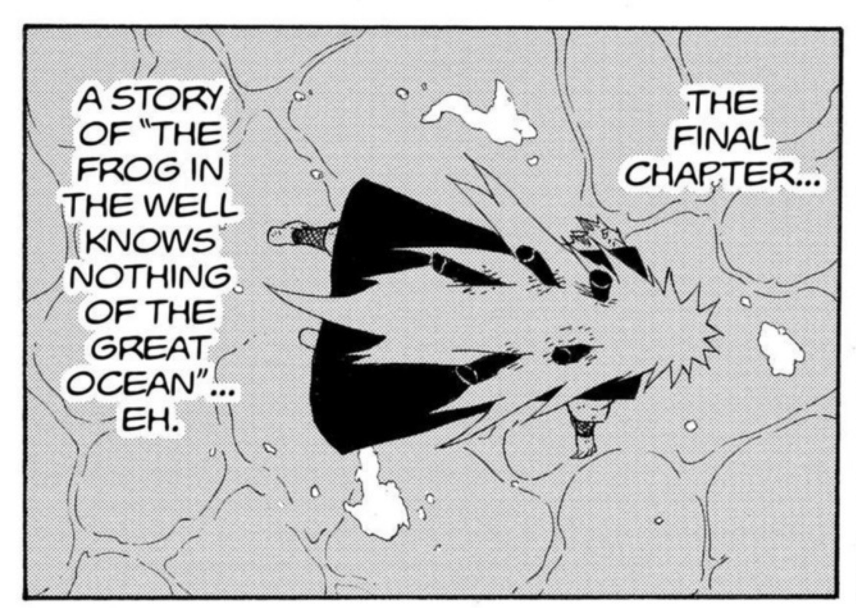
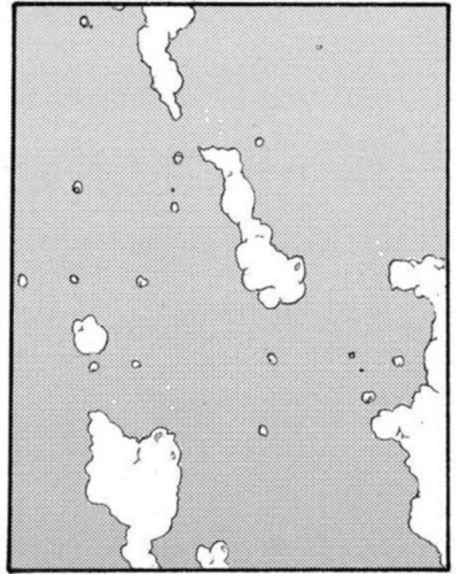
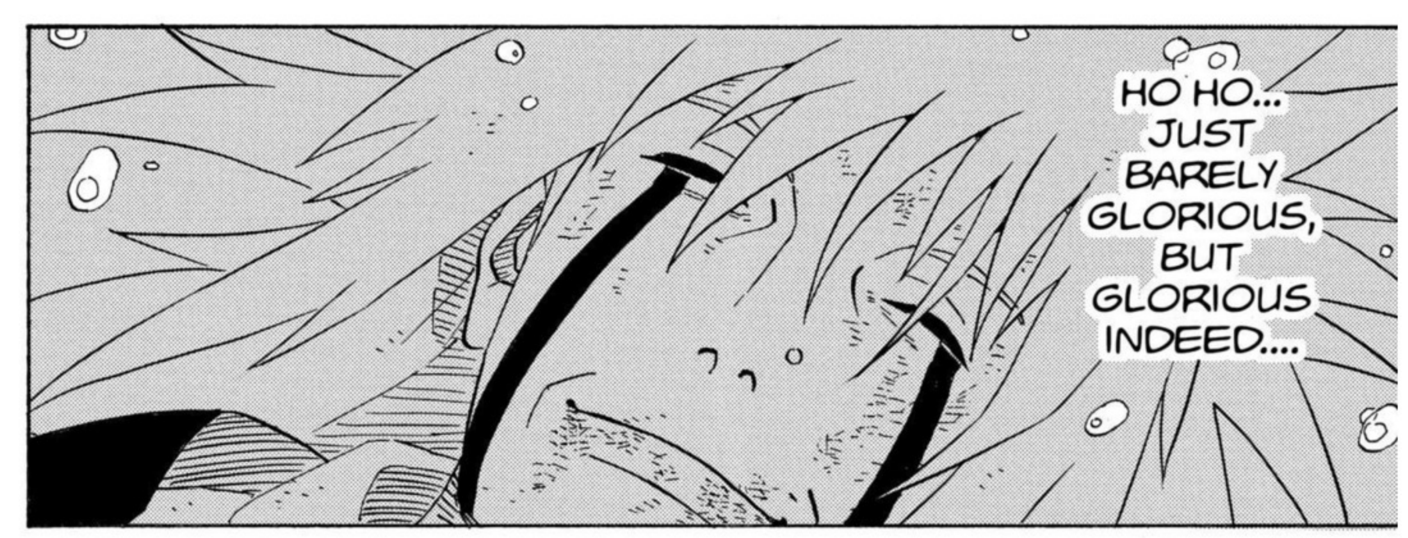




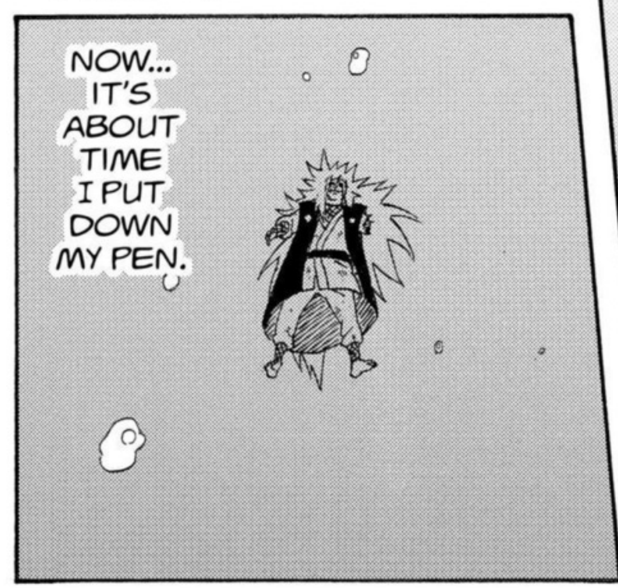

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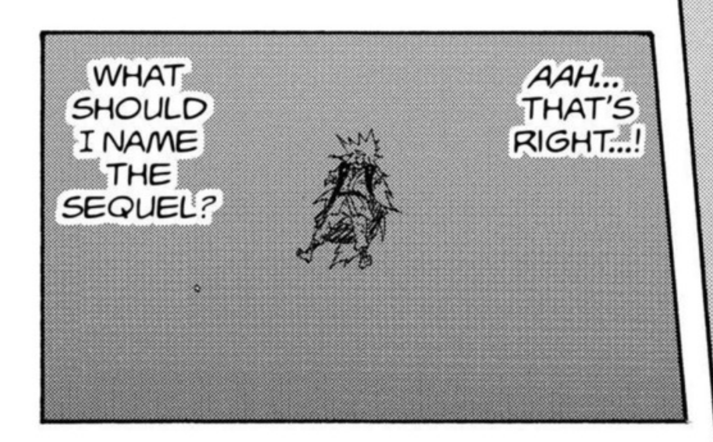

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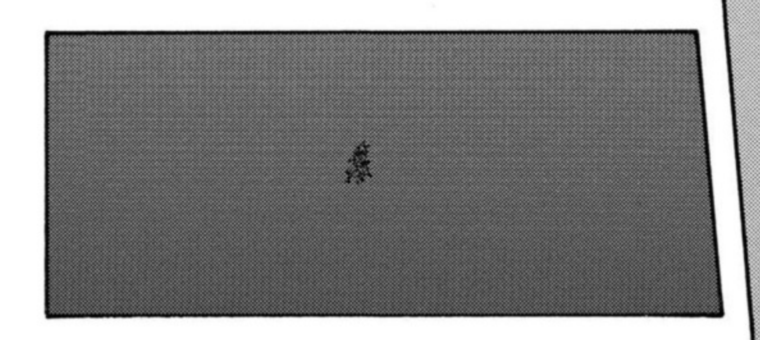

THE FROG... GOT AWAY...


THE TALE OF JIRAIYA THE GALLANT... NOW IT'LL END A BIT BETTER I HOPE.

GLUB GLUB GLUB...

THE FINAL CHAPTER...
A STORY OF "THE FROG IN THE WELL KNOWS NOTHING OF THE GREAT OCEAN"... EH.


HO HO... JUST BARELY GLORIOUS, BUT GLORIOUS INDEED....


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THIS
WAY


NOW... IT'S ABOUT TIME I PUT DOWN MY PEN.


AAH... THAT'S RIGHT...!
WHAT SHOULD I NAME THE SEQUEL?

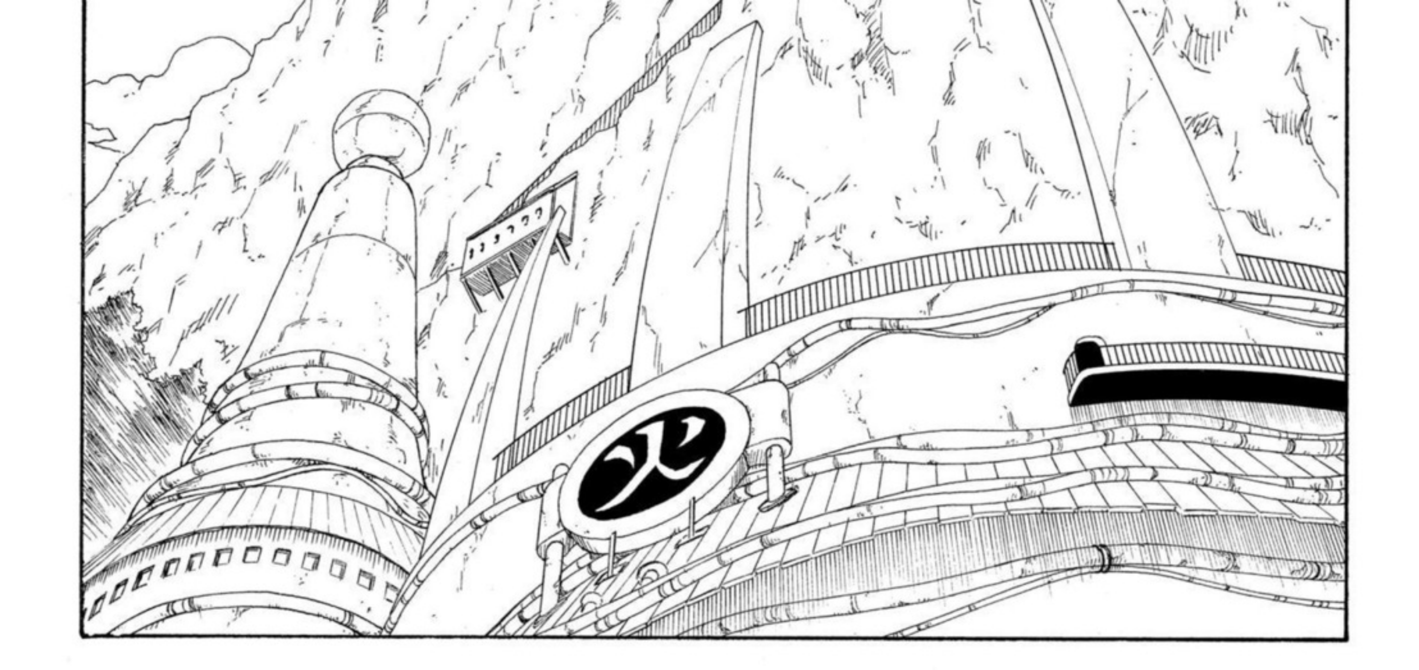


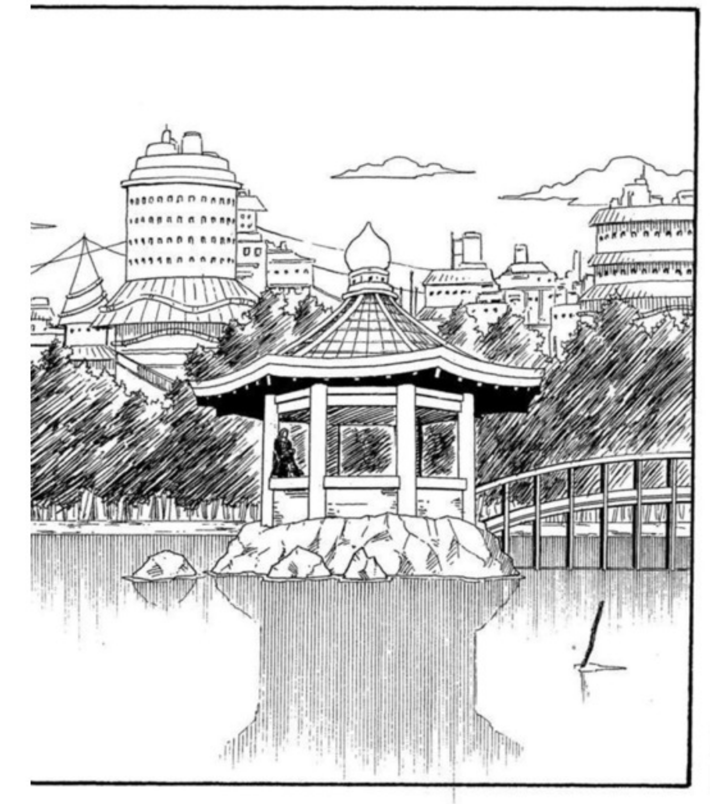

YEAH, LET'S SEE...

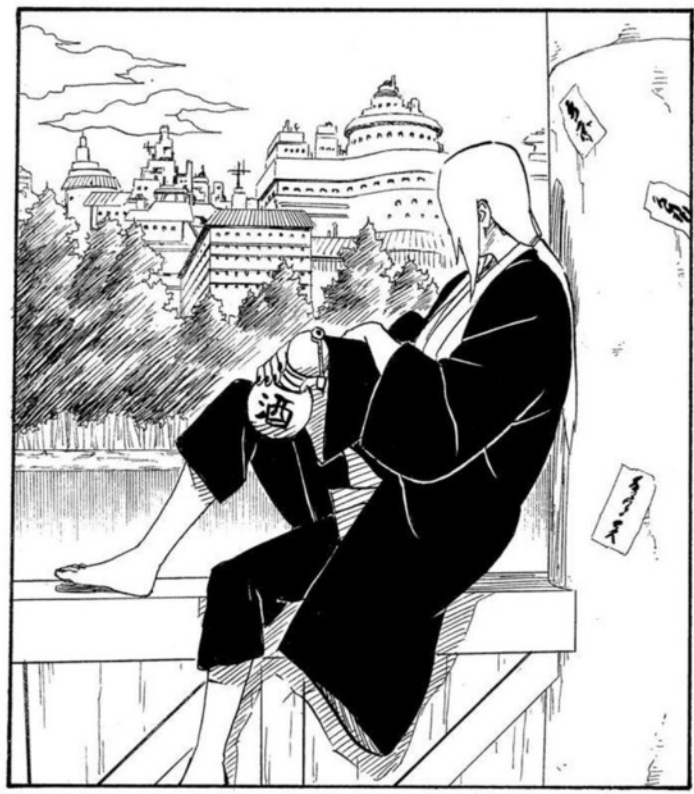


"THE
TALE OF
UZUMAKI
NARUTO"...

...YES...
THAT
HAS A
NICE
RING
TO IT...

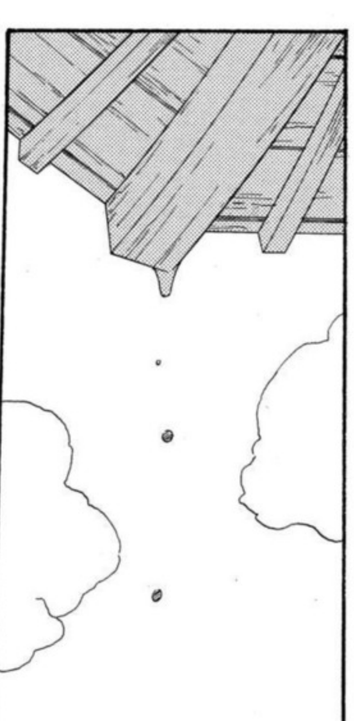




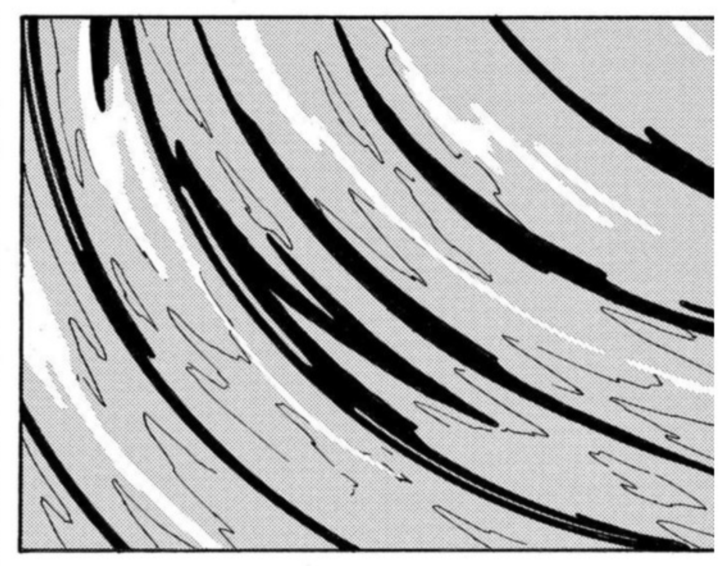


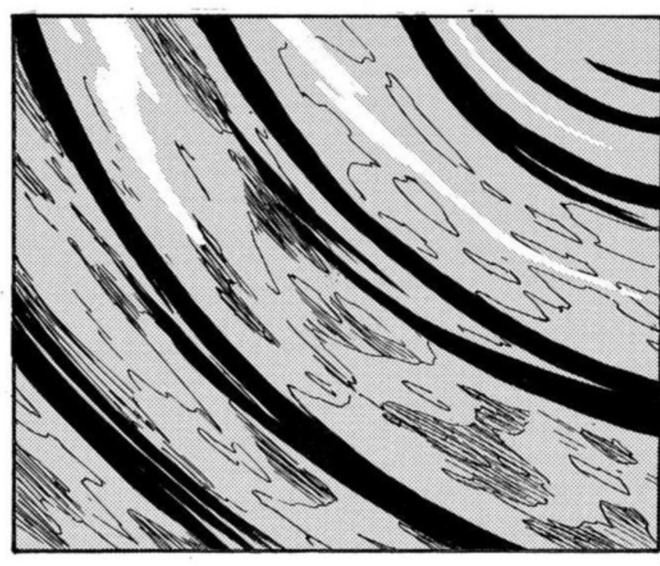

SPROING


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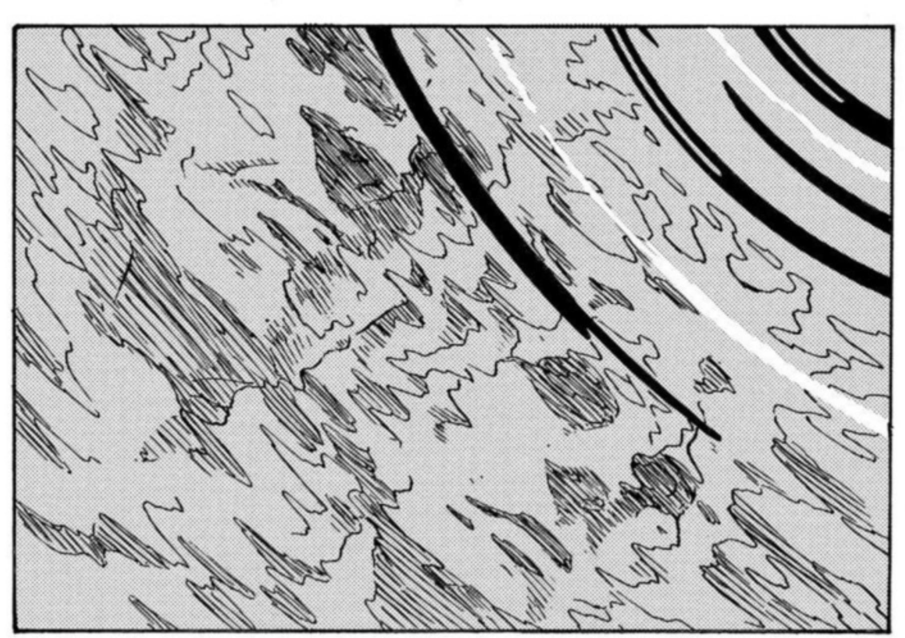


SPLISH










SPLA
ASH


FWOOSH


NARUTO!


WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY AROUND WITH YOU...

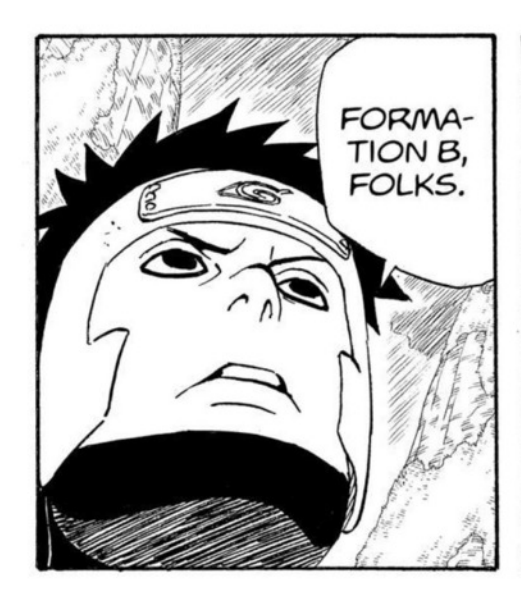

NOW, WHAT SHALL WE PLAY NEXT...
...KONOHA FOLK?


OH, GOOD...


SHINO, SINCE YOU DIDN'T PARTICIPATE LAST TIME, WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO DO SO TODAY!!
WOOF, WOOF!


WE'VE GOT TO TRACK SASUKE DOWN ASAP.


THAT'S RIGHT!

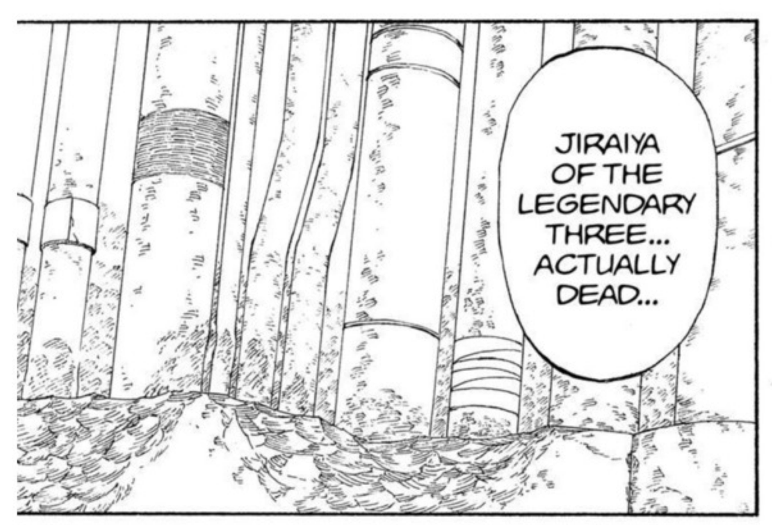

FORMATION B, FOLKS.


OK, EVERYONE...
...LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.


BONDS... HUH.

YEAH!!
Y-YES, SIR!
ROGER!!
YES, SIR!



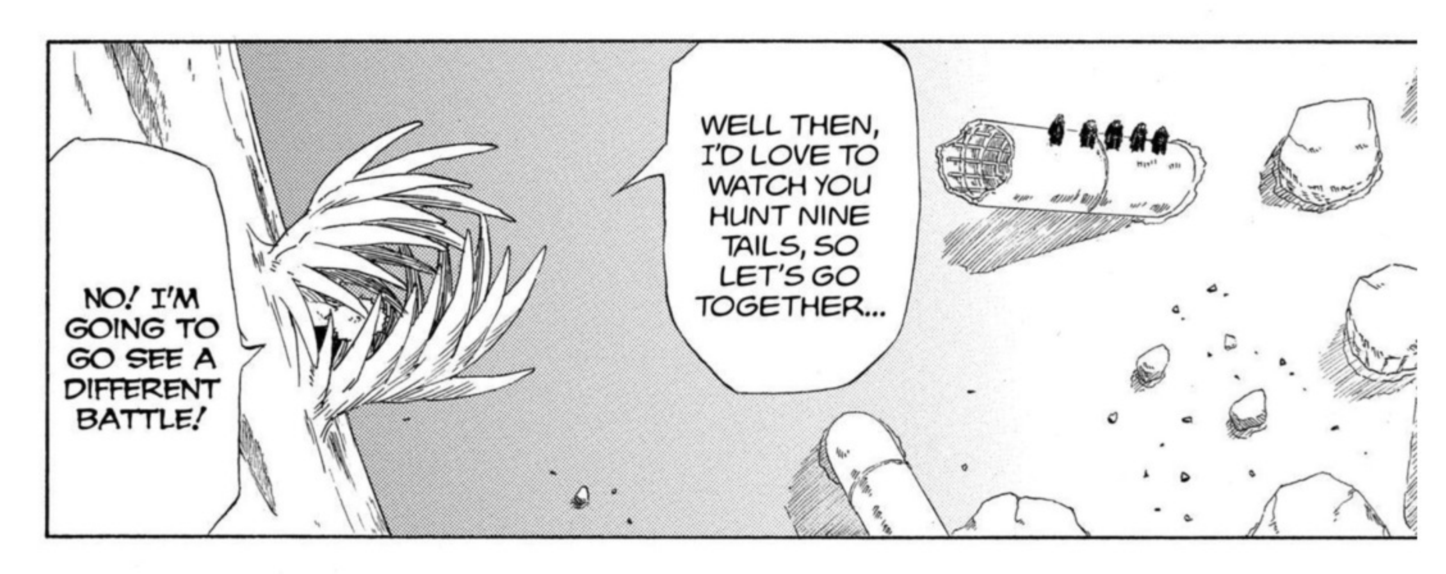

JIRAIYA OF THE LEGENDARY THREE... ACTUALLY DEAD...


IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THIS SECRET OF OURS, WE PROBABLY COULDN'T HAVE WON...
LET US MAKE SURE TO EXTOL OUR FORMER TEACHER'S PRAISES.

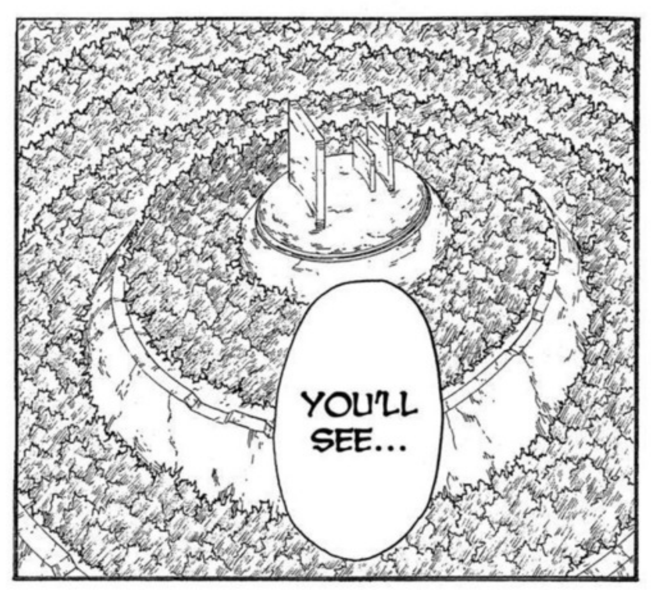

...BUT OTHER-WISE...
...WHY DON'T YOU SHOW YOUR-SELF?

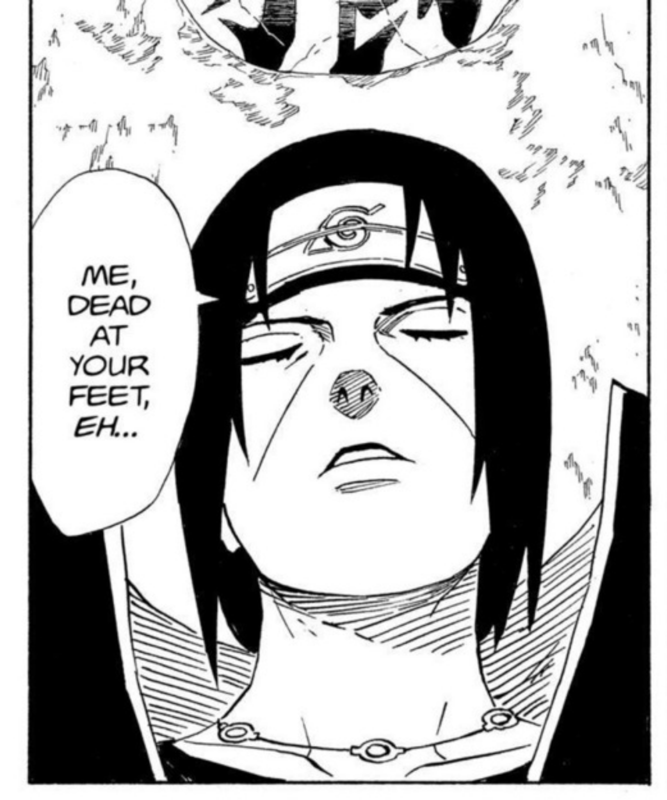

SURE TOOK YOU A WHILE.
HIS OPPONENT WAS THAT JIRAIYA.
ZWOO...

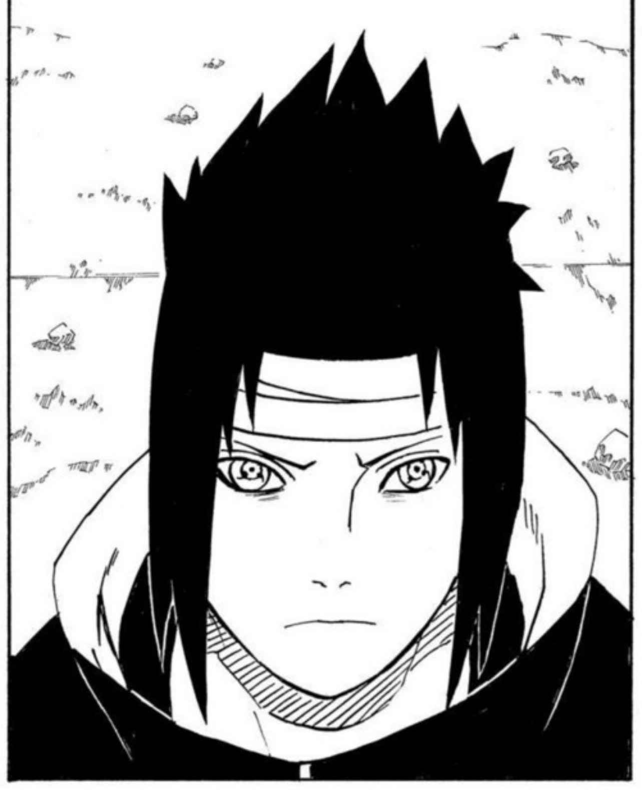

WHAT AN INTER-RUPTION.
MADARA HAD ORDERED ME TO HUNT NINE TAILS.


WELL THEN, I'D LOVE TO WATCH YOU HUNT NINE TAILS, SO LET'S GO TOGETHER...
NO! I'M GOING TO GO SEE A DIFFERENT BATTLE!

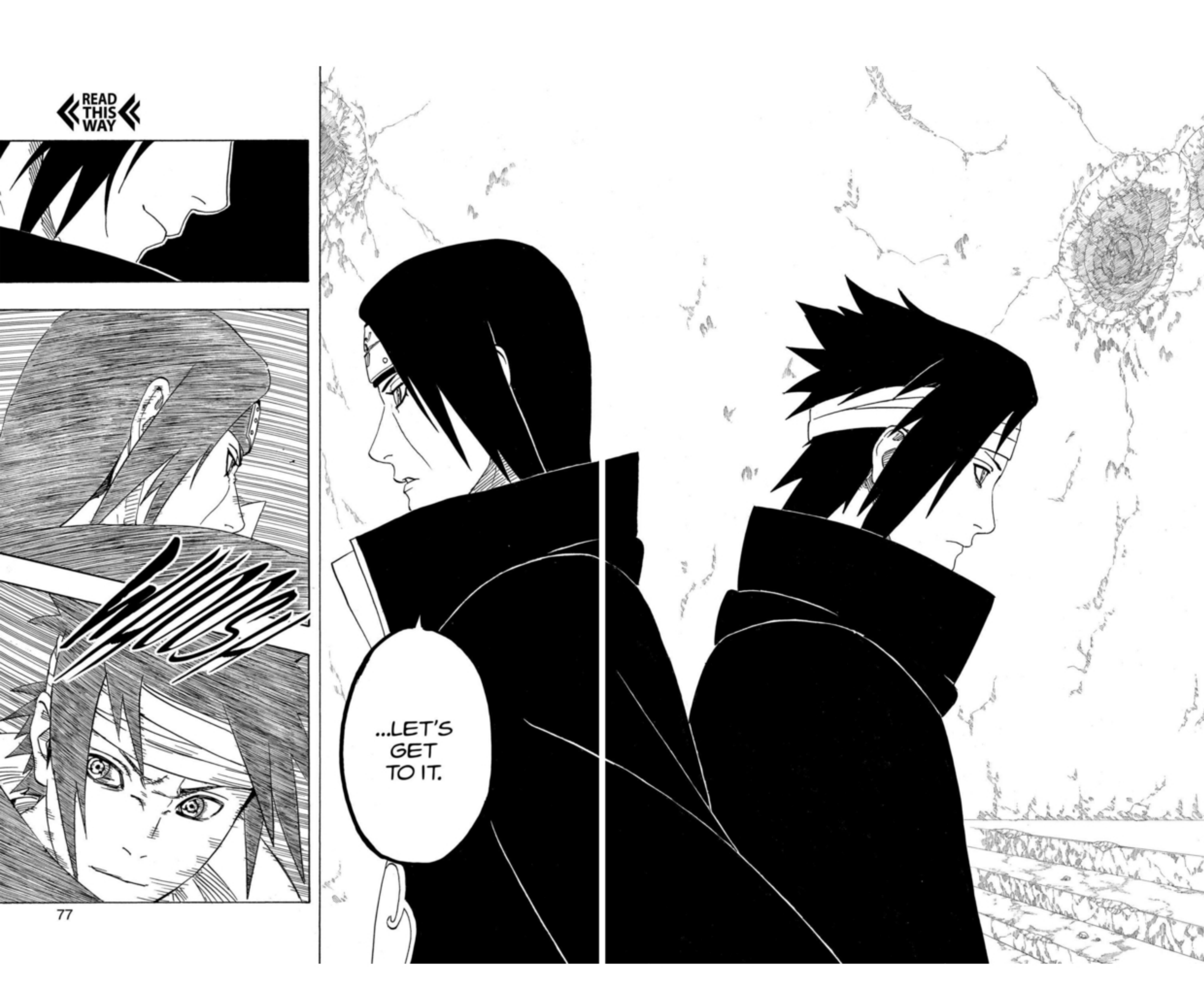

WHAT?!
SHUT UP!
WHICH OTHER BATTLE?


YOU'LL SEE...

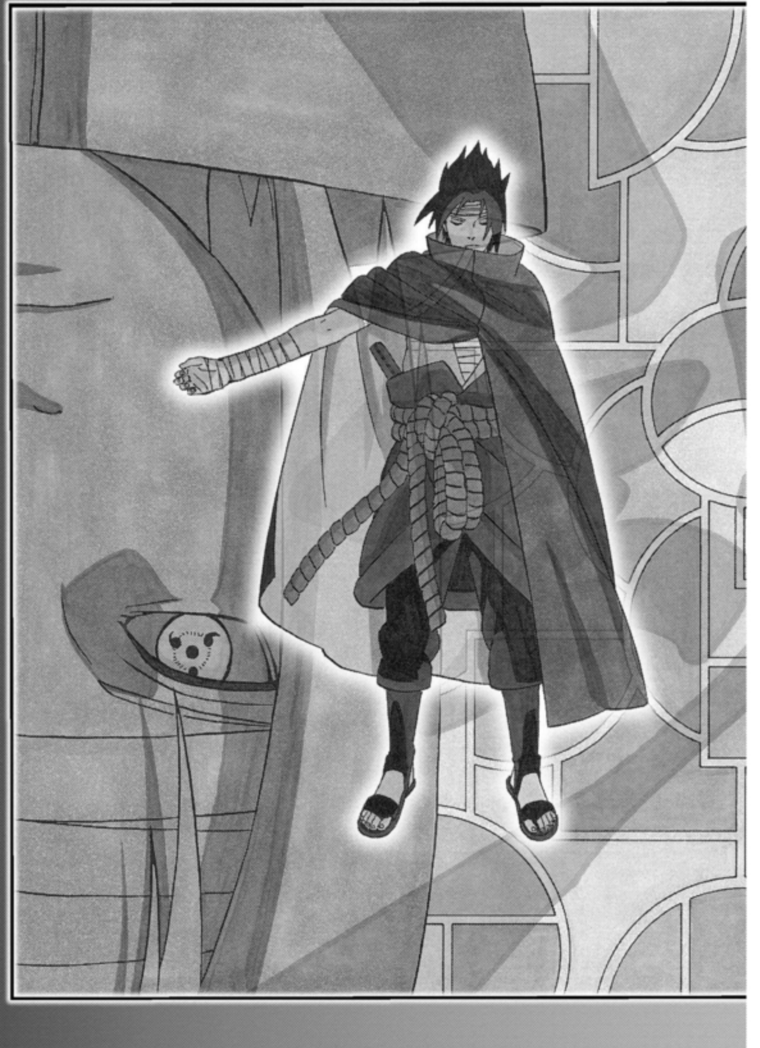

ME, DEAD AT YOUR FEET, EH...

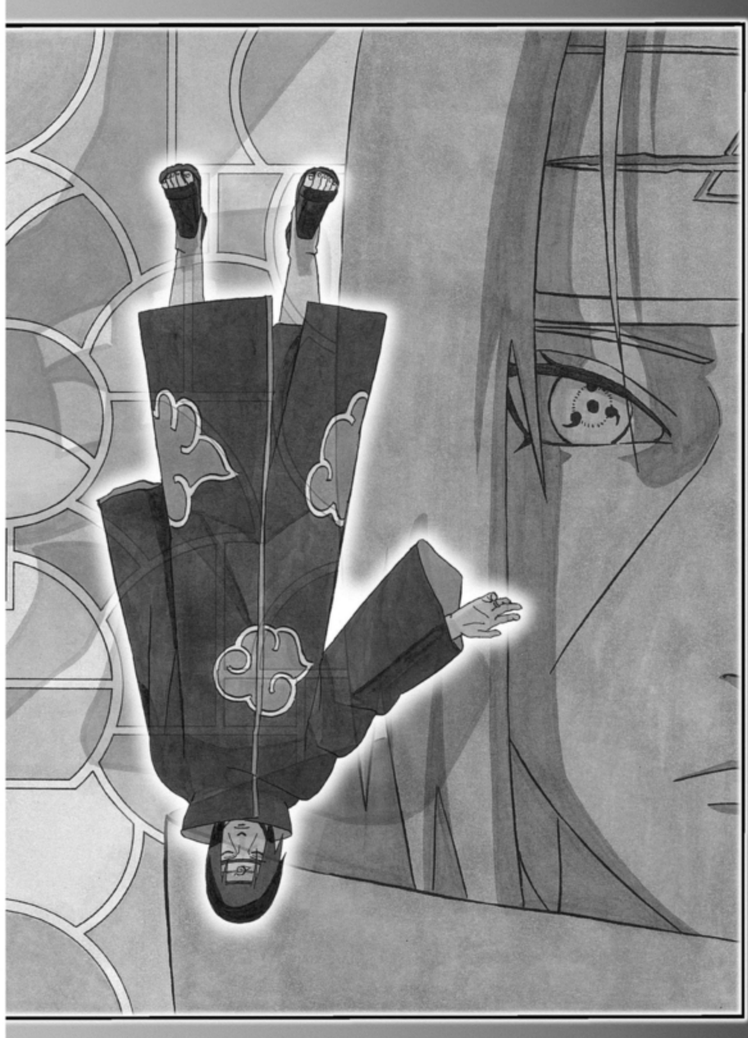


WELL THEN...


...LET'S
GET
TO IT.
WHOOSH
READ
THIS
WAY

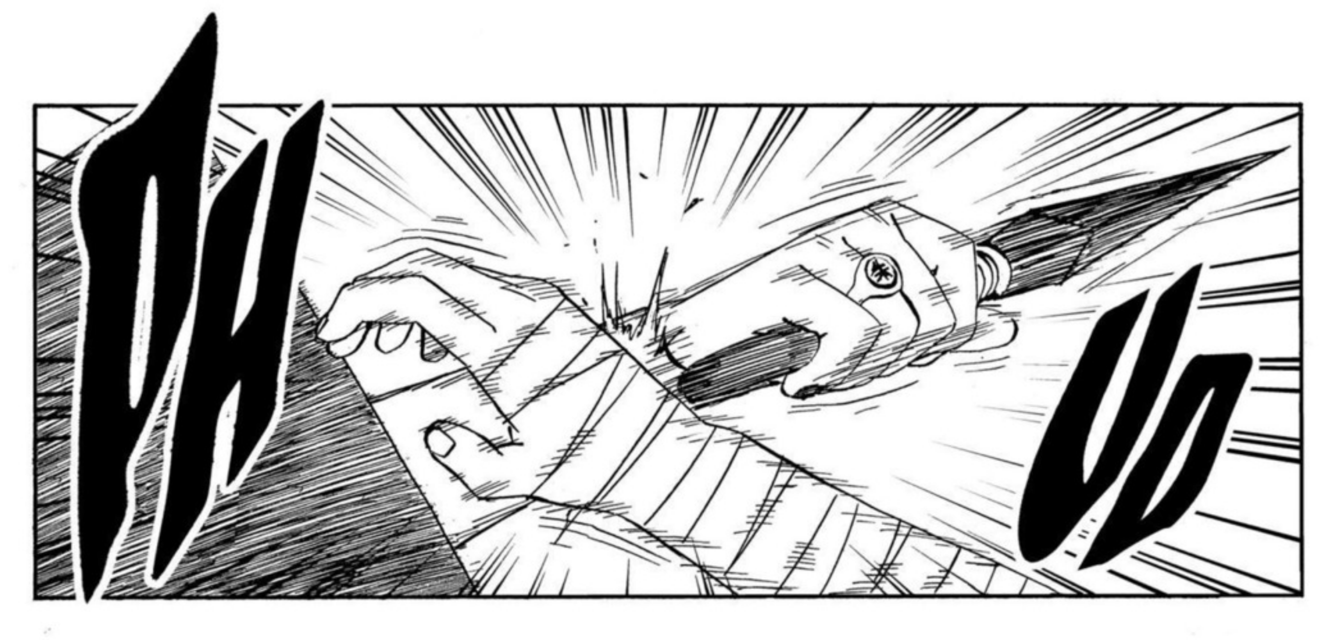
Number 384: Two Paths...



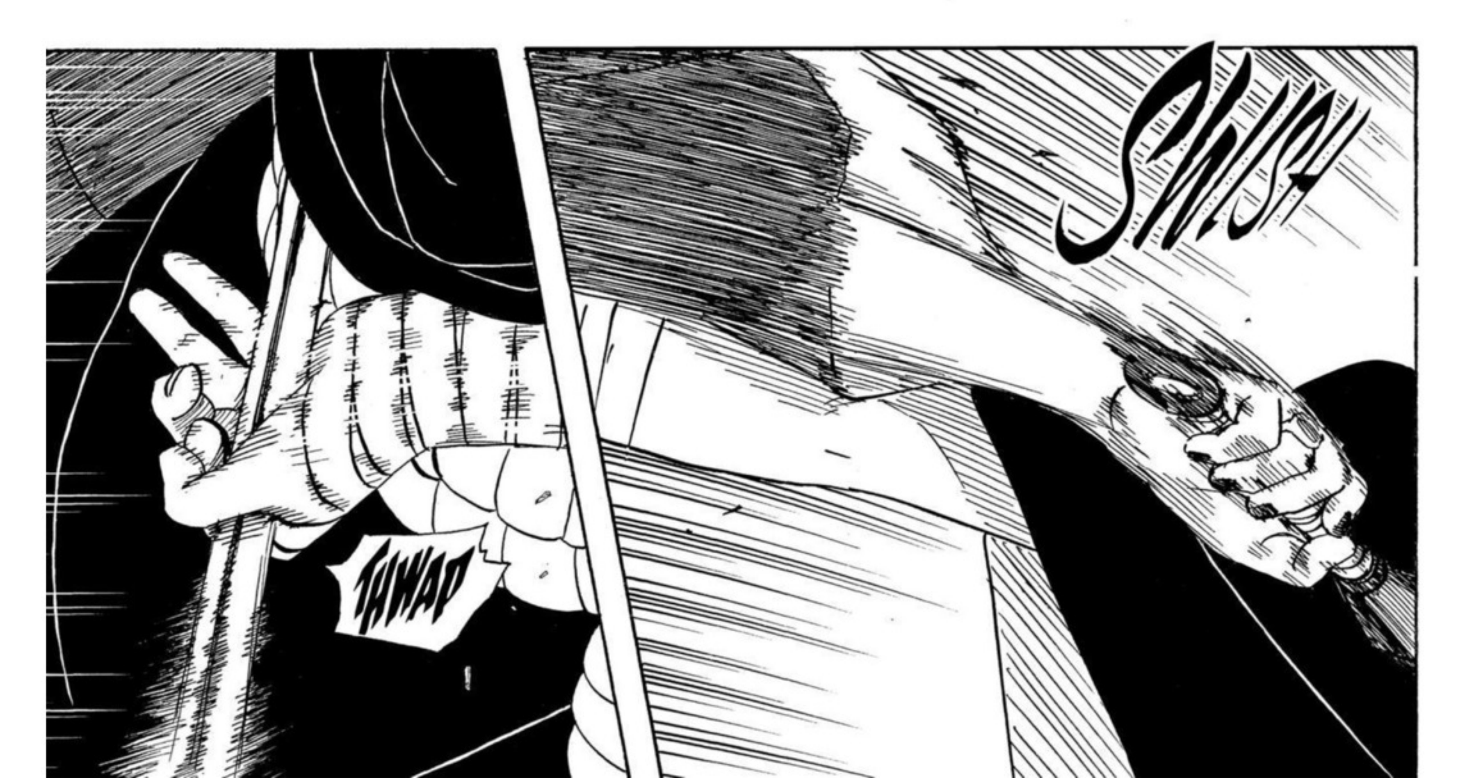



NARUTO

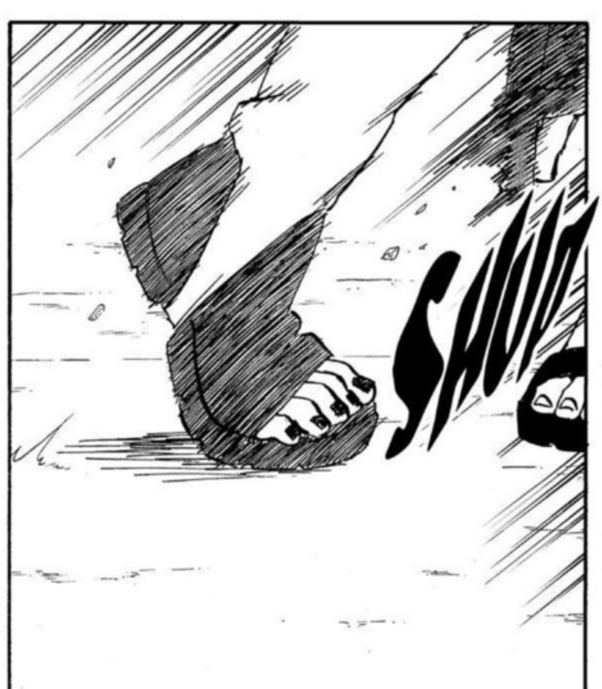







THWAP

KLANG

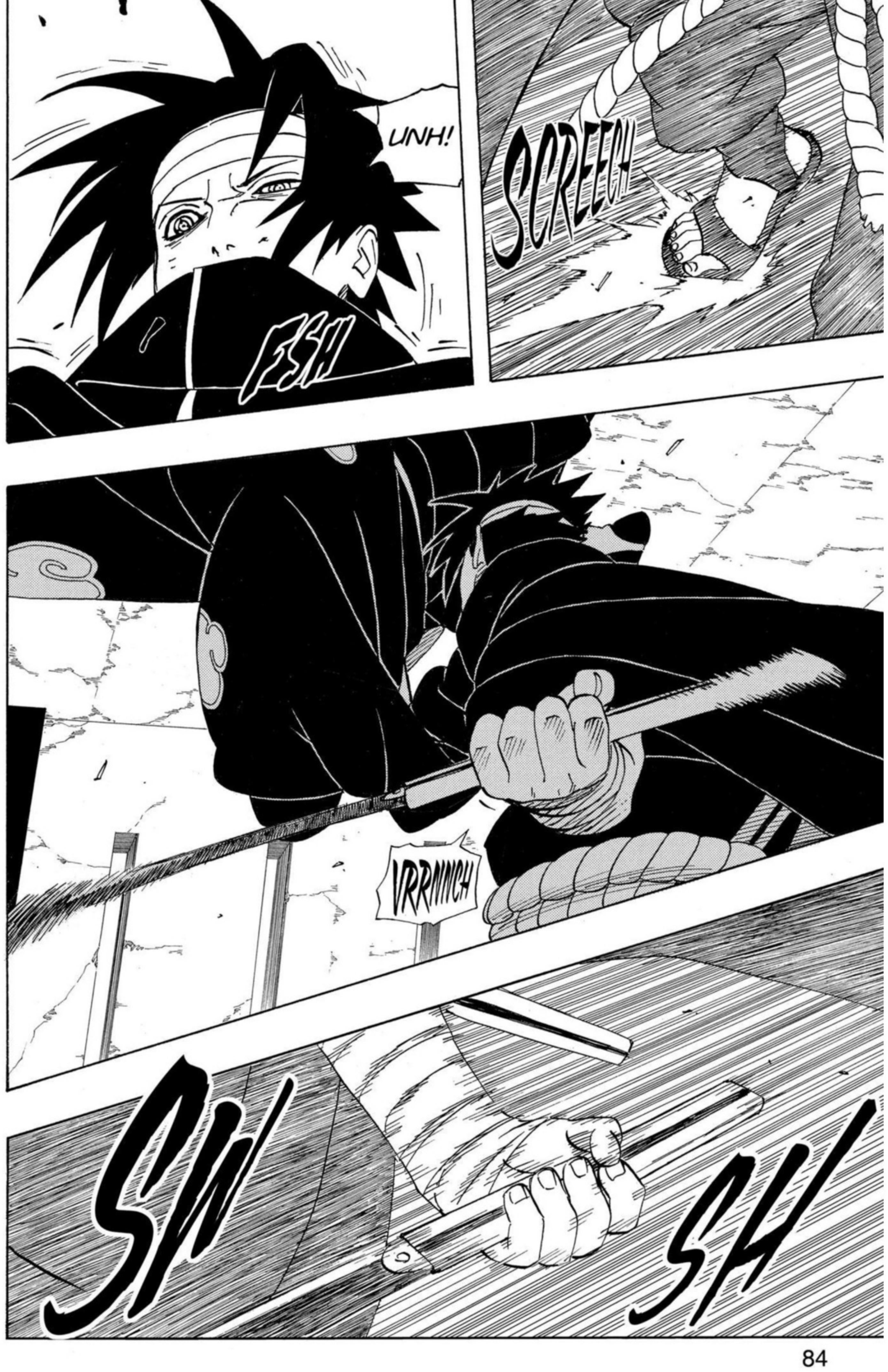



VRRNCH



BHAM

UGH!!


SCREECH
UNH!
FSH
VRRNNCH
SH
SW


SHIK
WOOSH
SWISH
TMP
SHUK

ARGH!!
WHAM
SHSH


FWIP


FWIP



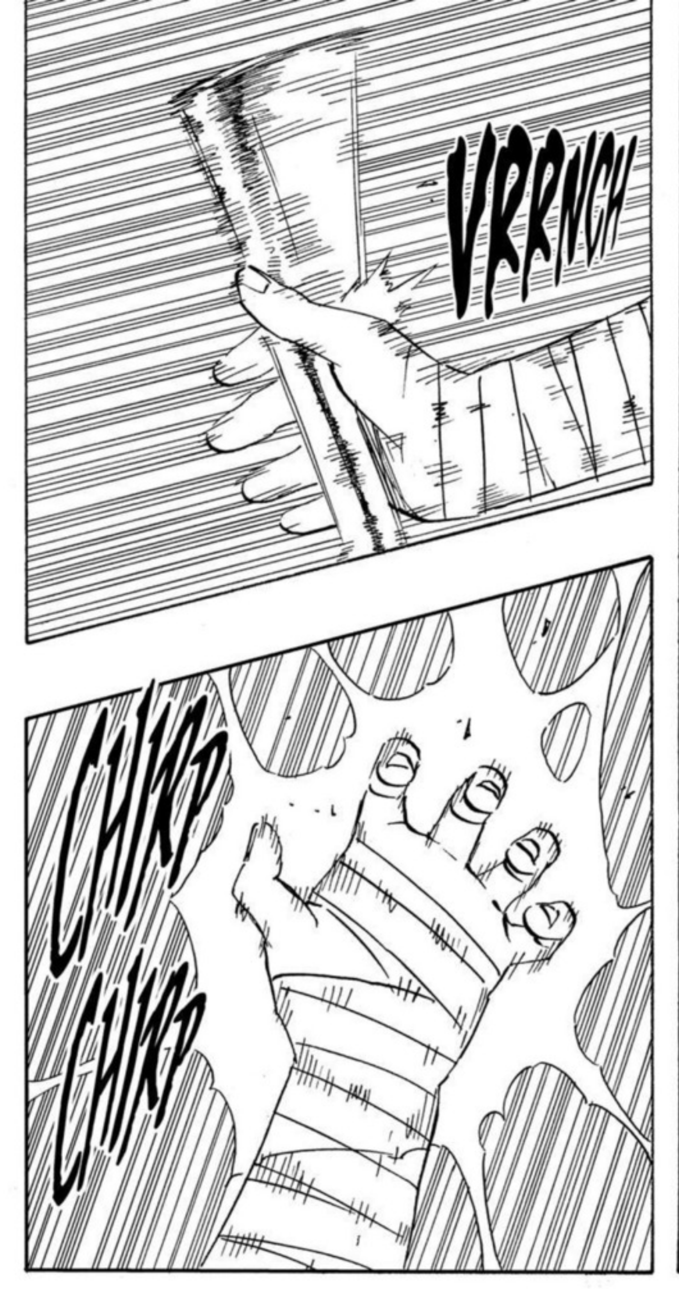


CHIDORI...








VRRNCH
CHIRP
CHIRP


CHIDORI STREAM !!
BW
AM

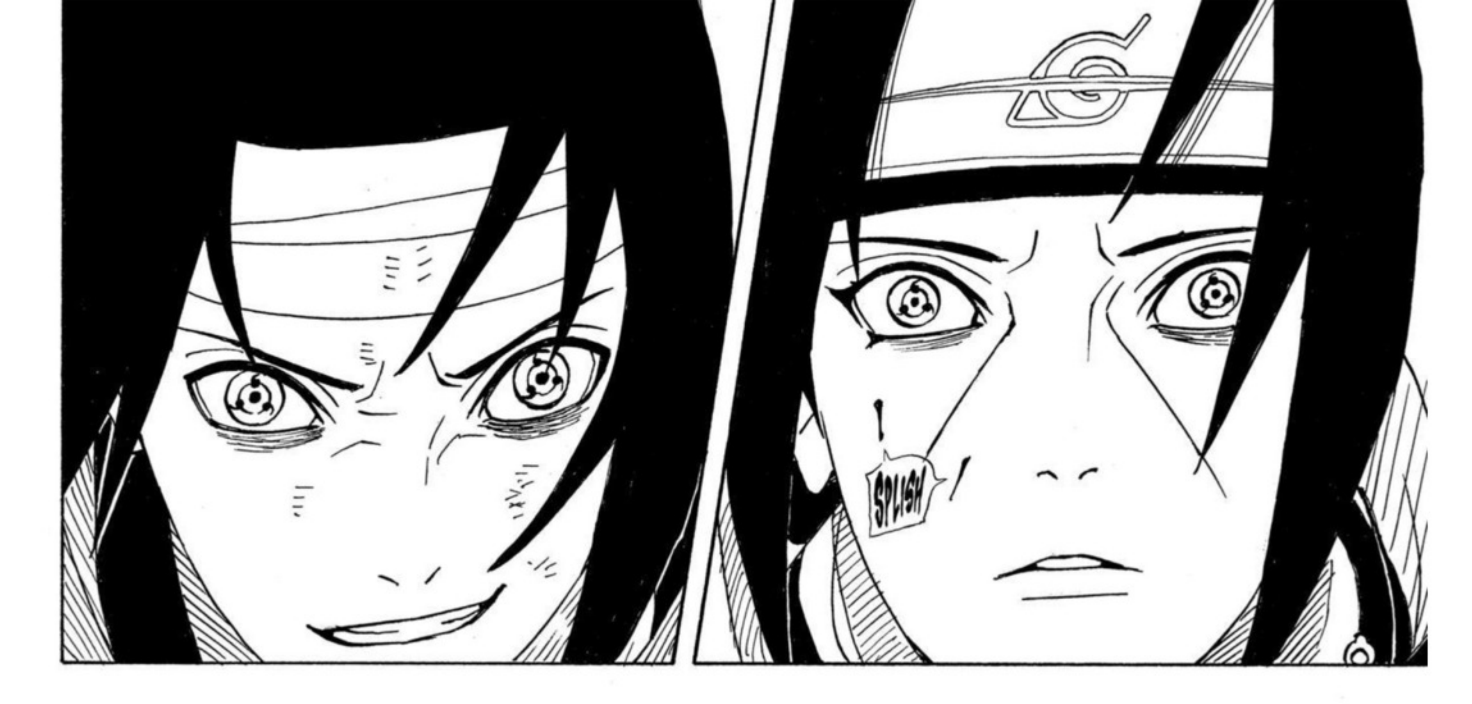


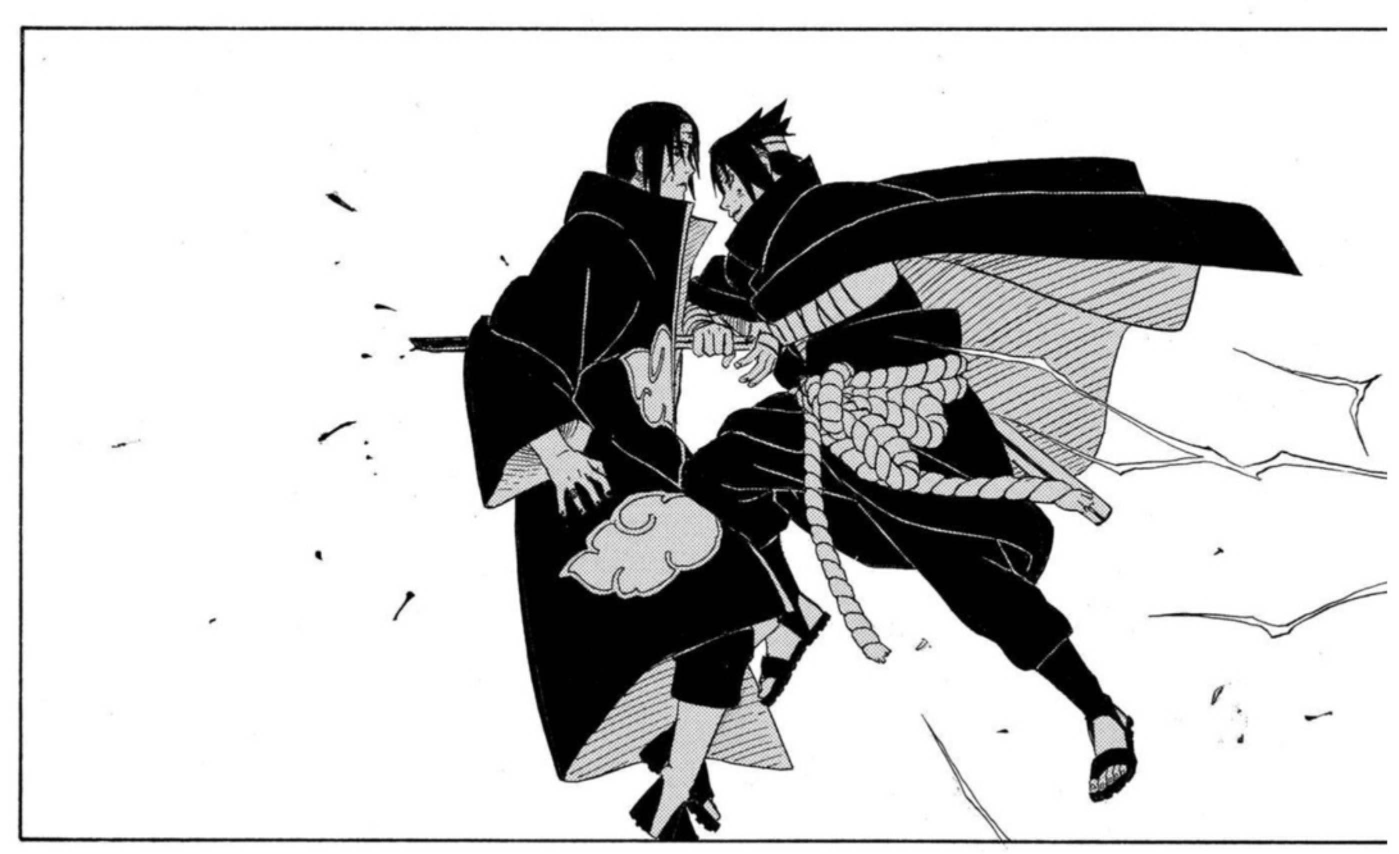

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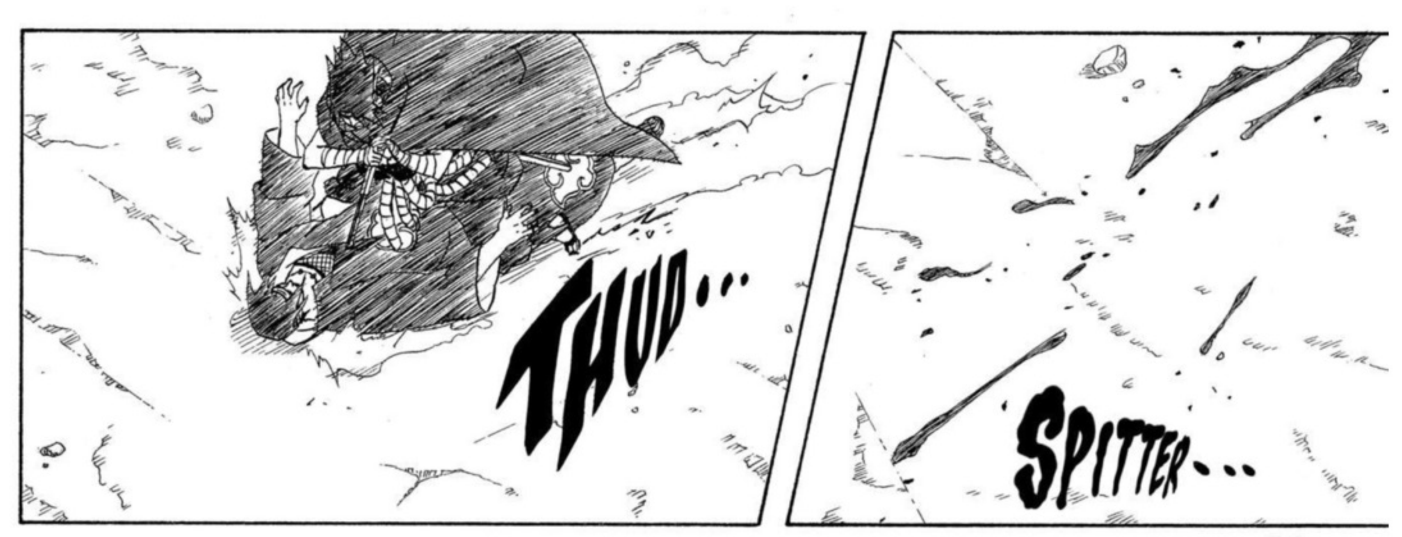


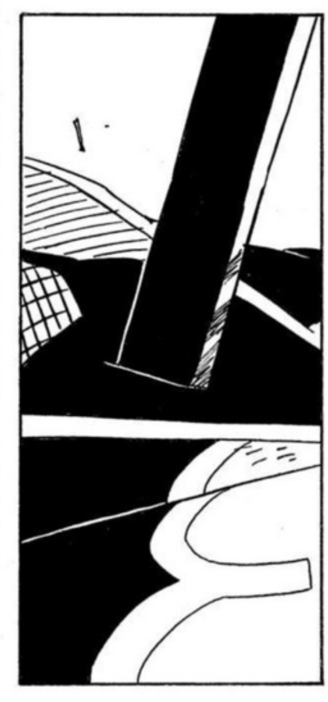



CHIRP
CHIRP
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CHIRP
!
FTAP


SPLISH




THUD...
SPITTER...

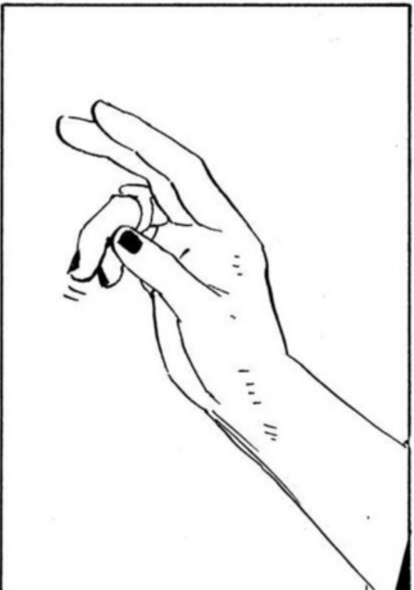



YOU'VE... GOTTEN STRONGER ...




ITACHI...
...I HAVE ONE LAST THING TO ASK.

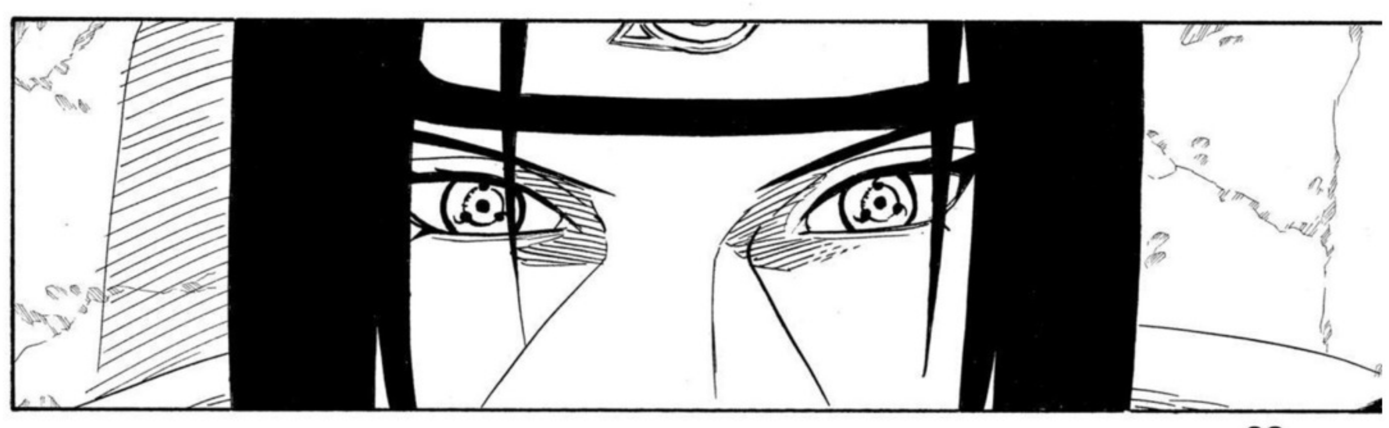

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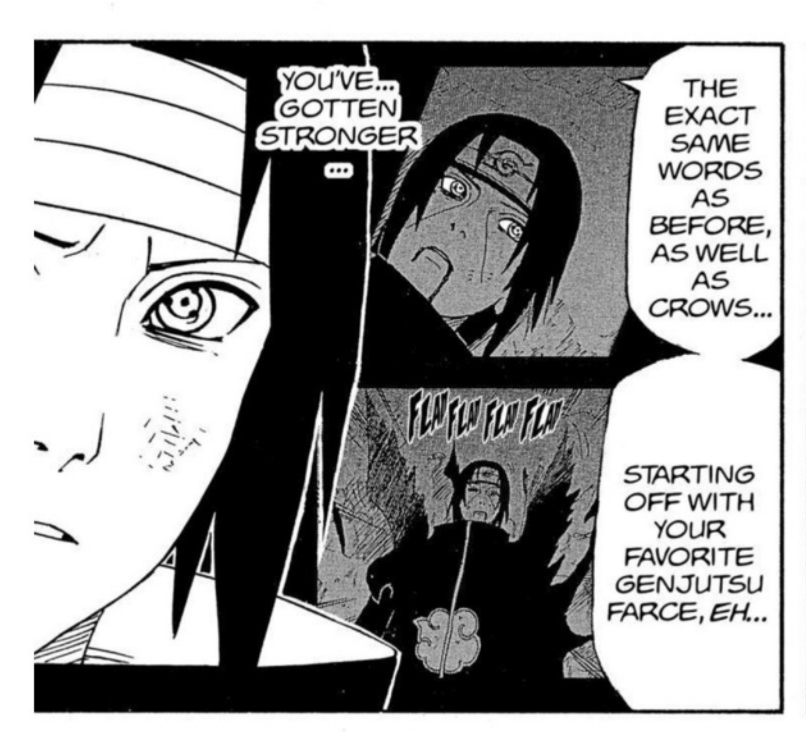

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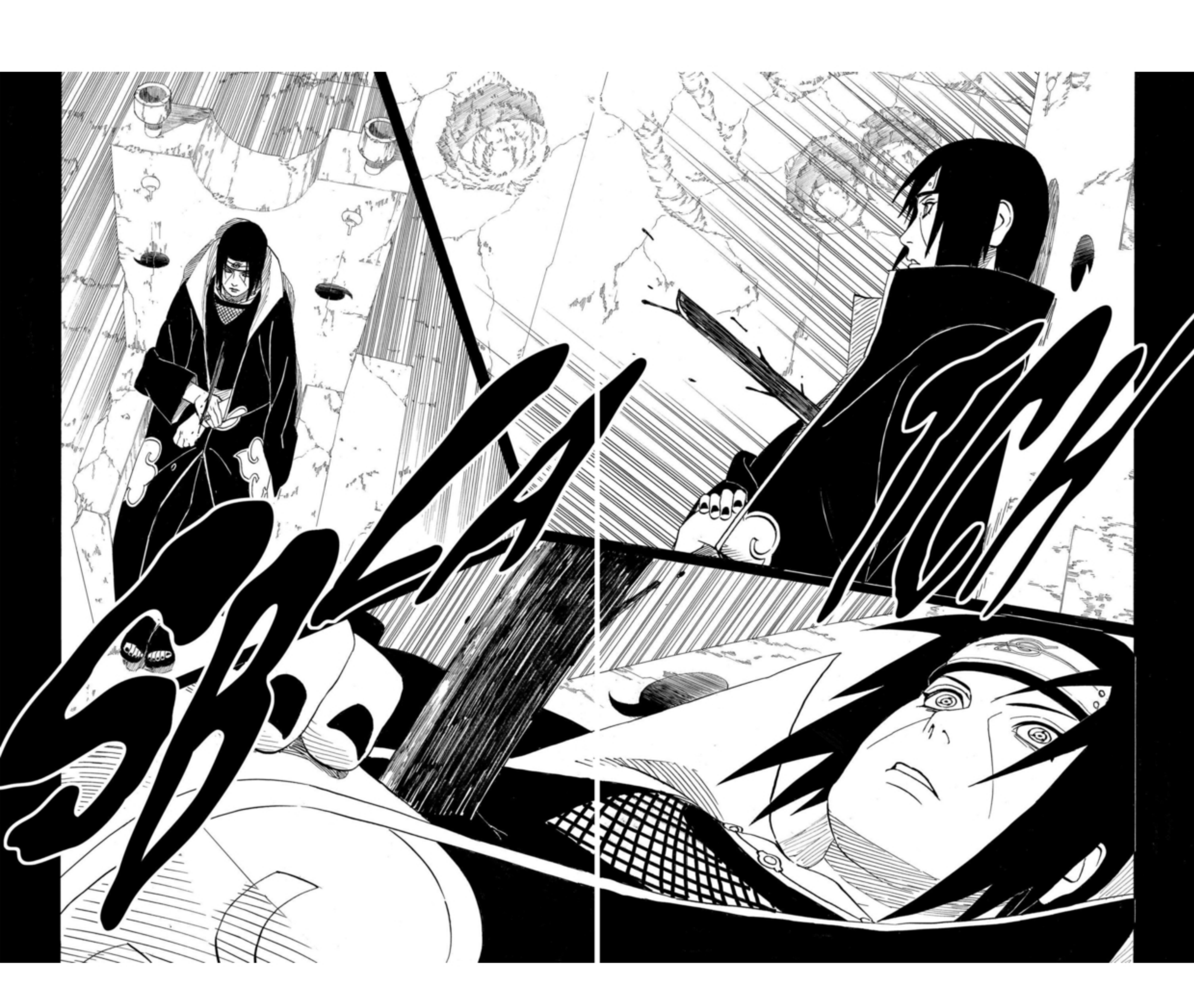


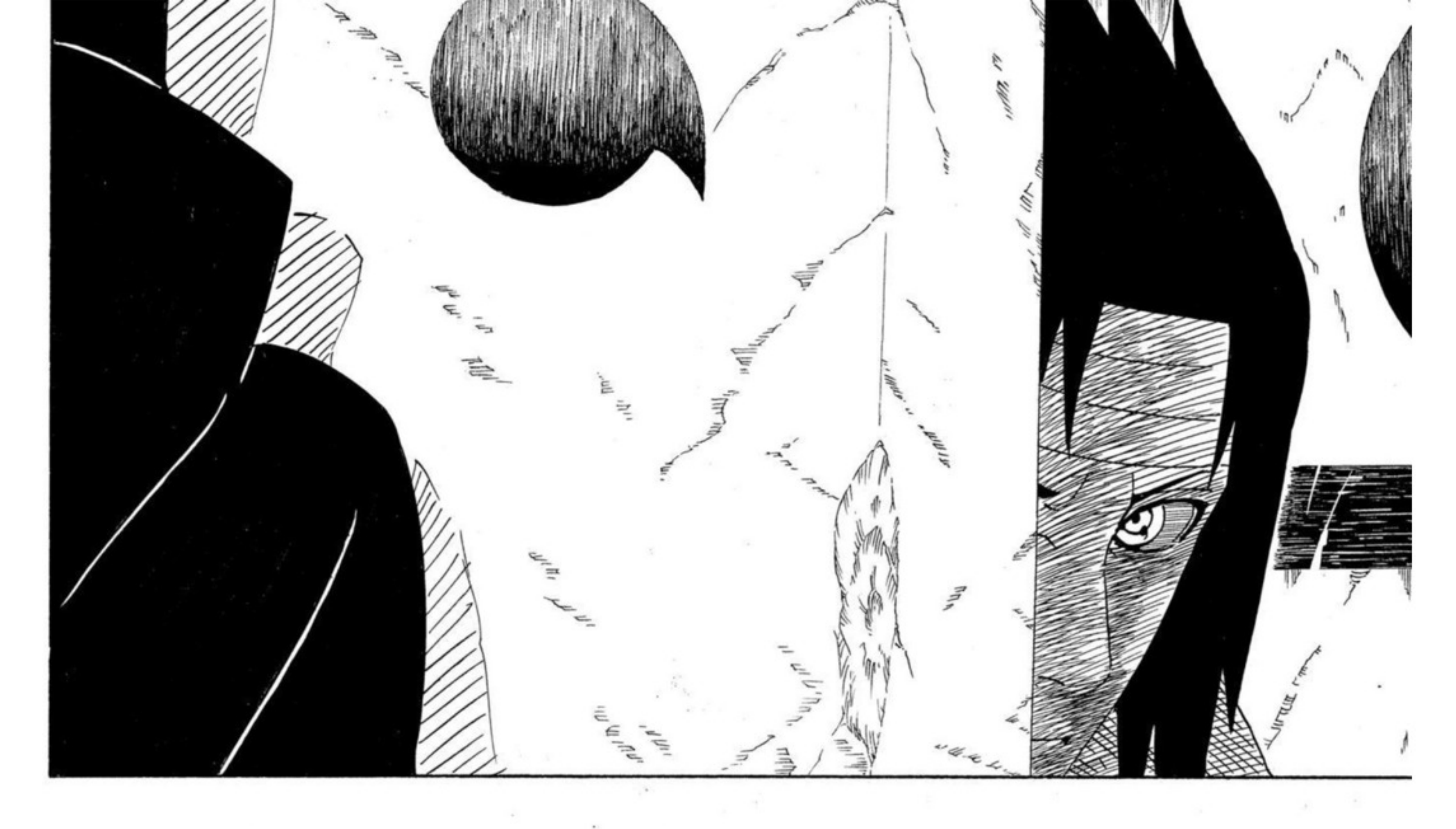
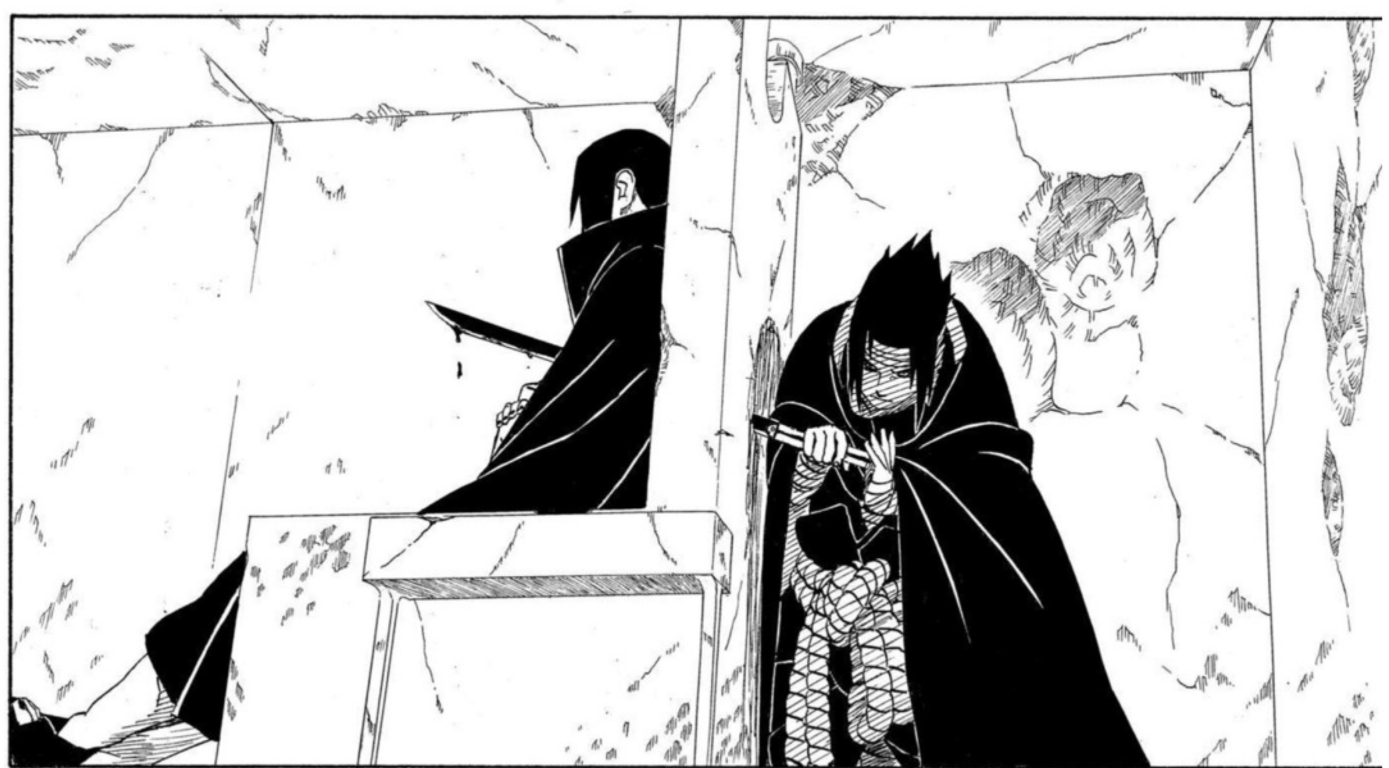
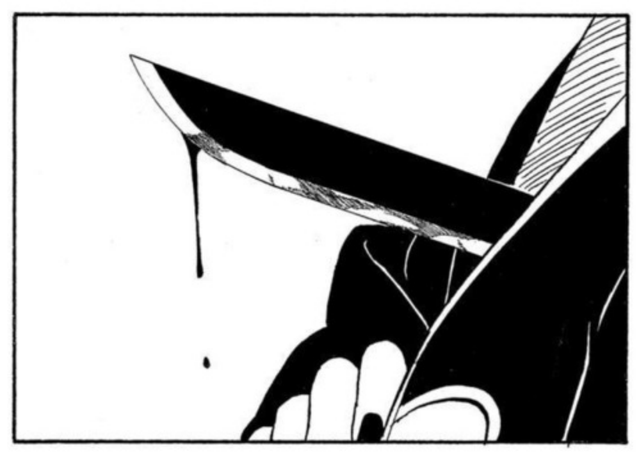

FLAP
FLAP FLAP FLAP

FSH...
FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP

THE EXACT SAME WORDS AS BEFORE, AS WELL AS CROWS...
YOU'VE... GOTTEN STRONGER ...
STARTING OFF WITH YOUR FAVORITE GENJUTSU FARCE, *EH*...
FLAP FLAP FLAP FLAP

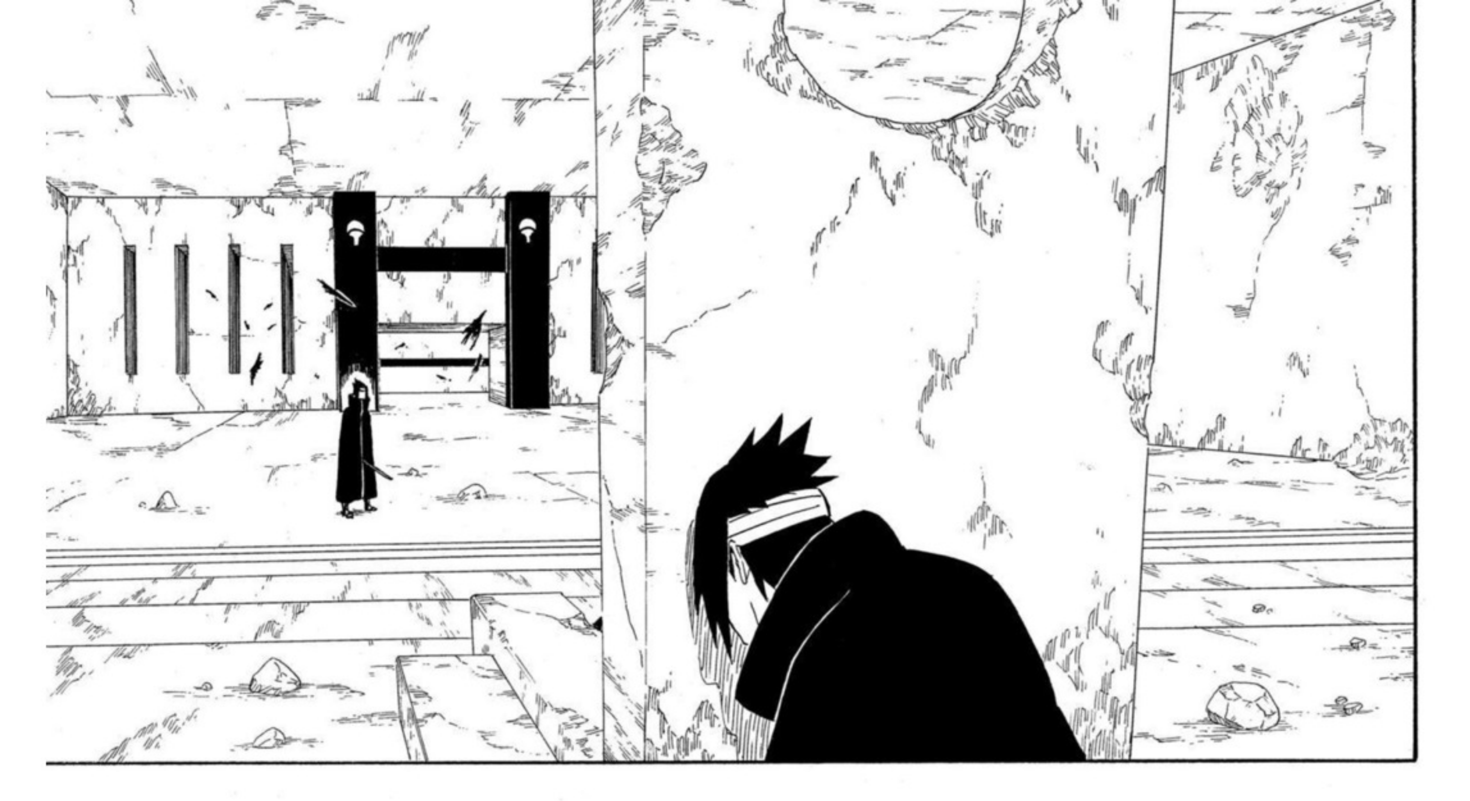
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
IT'S NOT THE "LAST THING," BUT YOU CAN ASK ME.

...LET ME TRY THIS AGAIN...



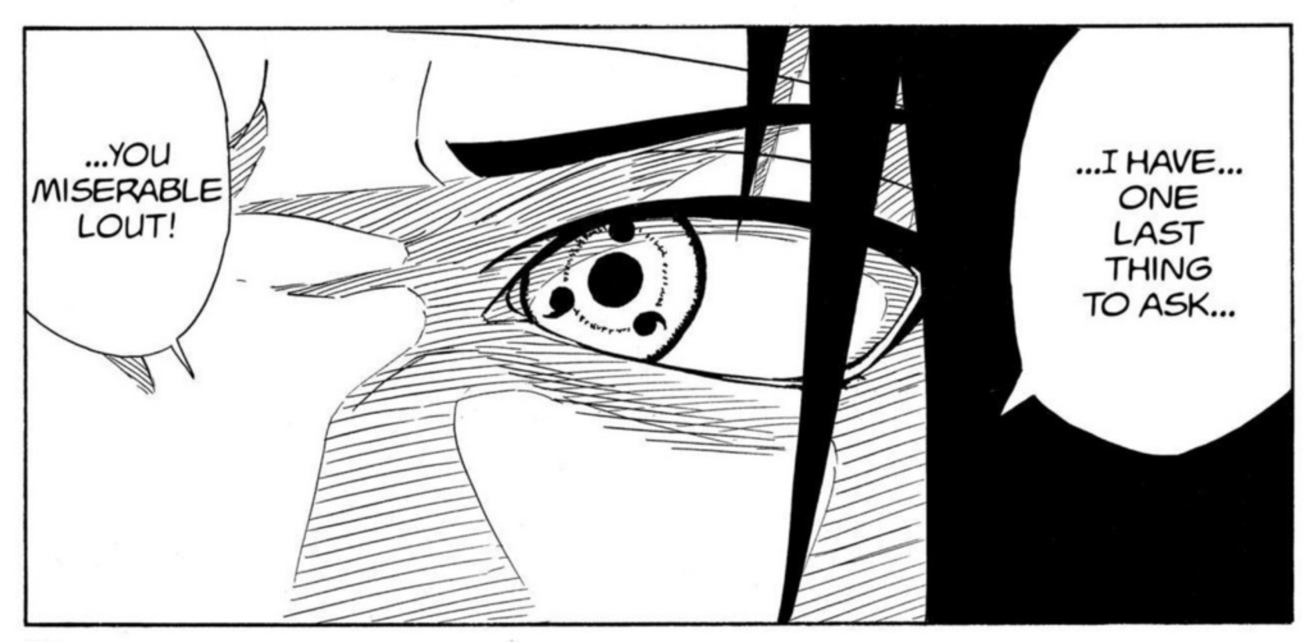
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GEN-JUTSU...

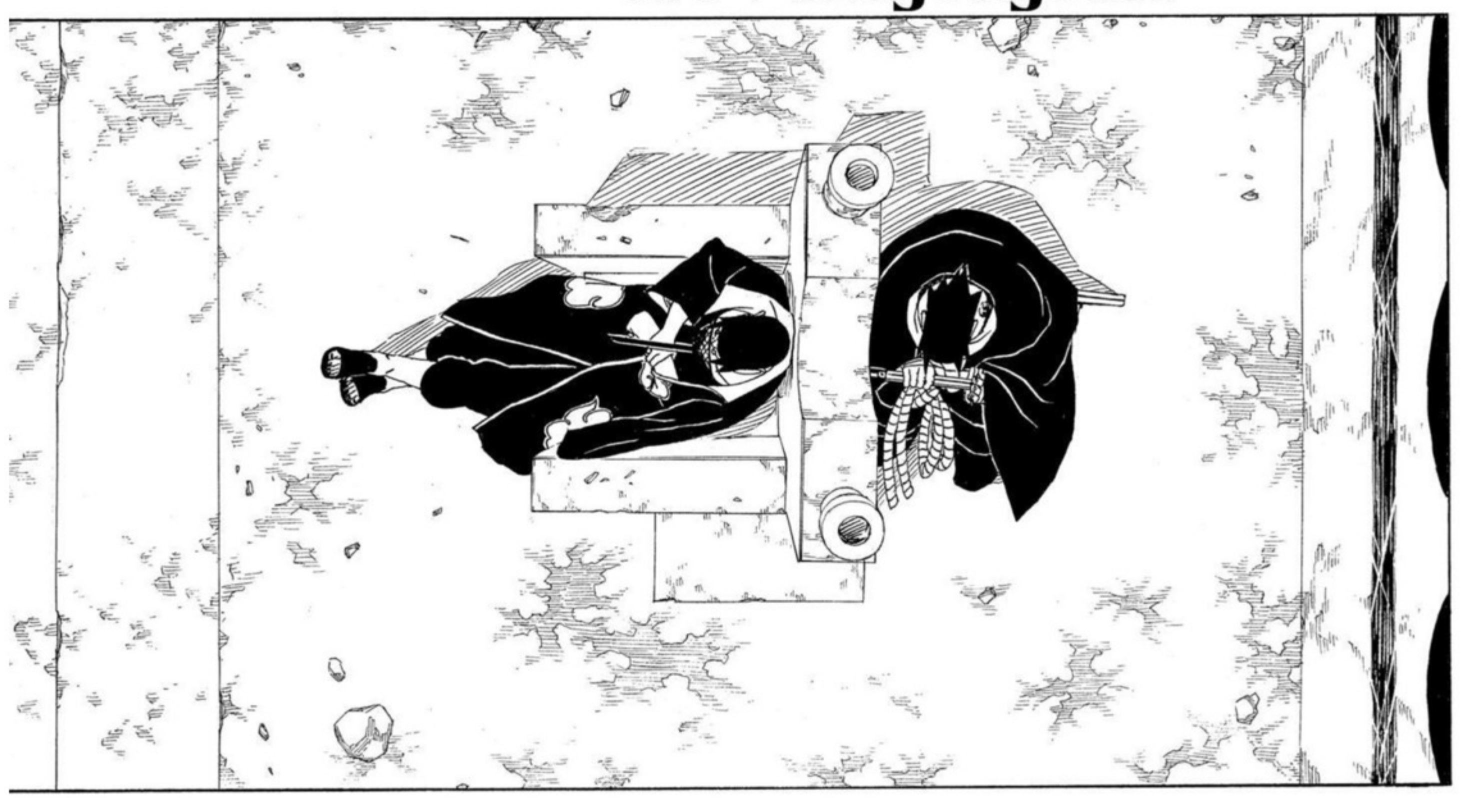

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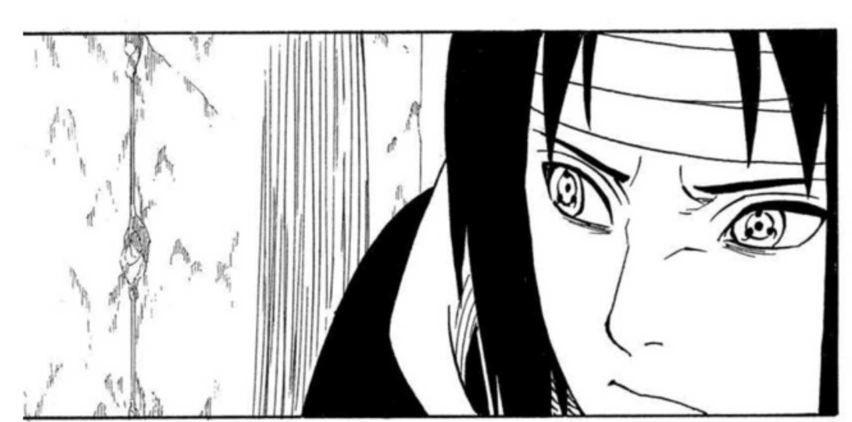

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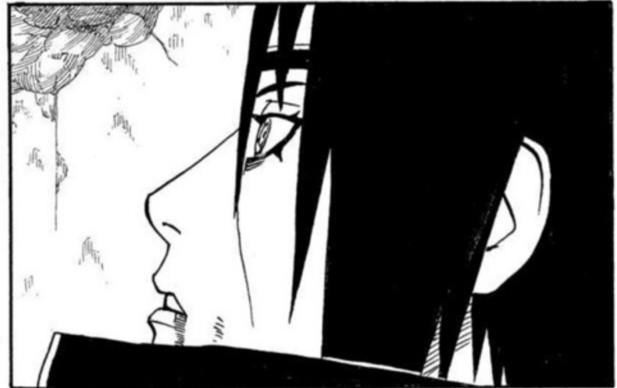

...I HAVE... ONE LAST THING TO ASK...
...YOU MISERABLE LOUT!

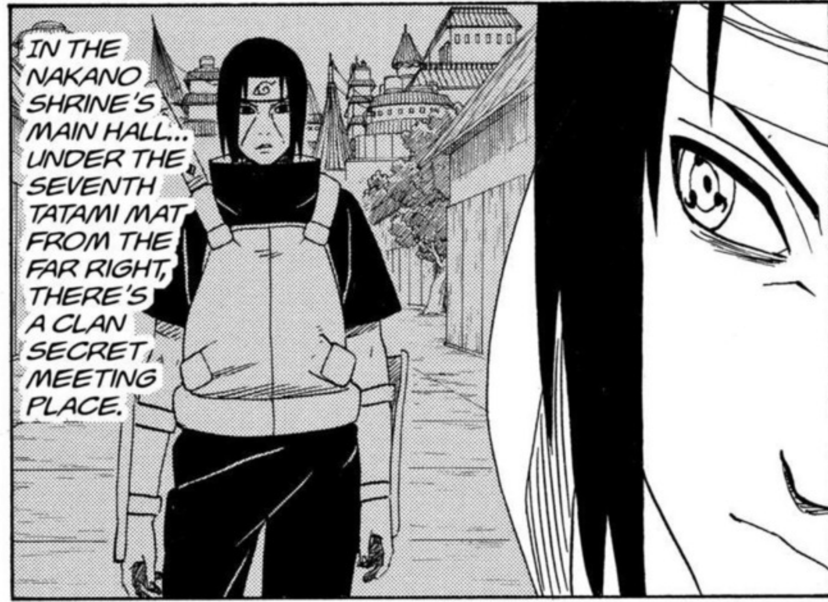

NARUTO

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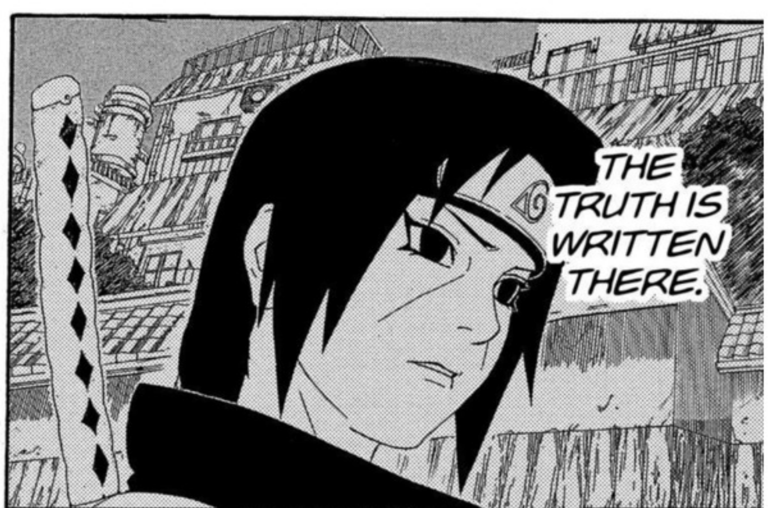


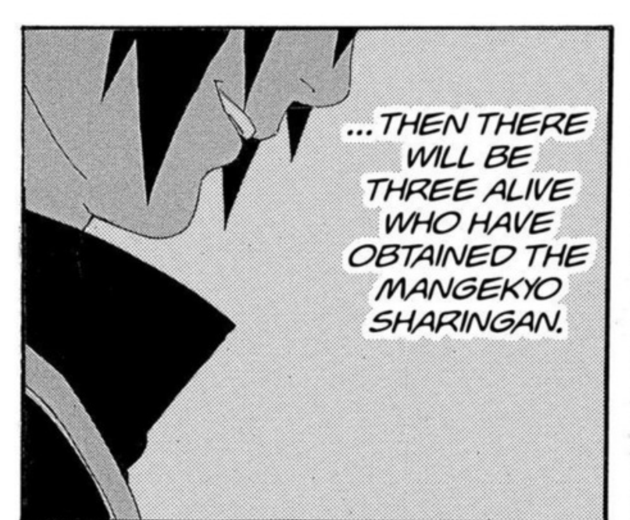









THE TRUTH IS WRITTEN THERE.


...THEN THERE WILL BE THREE ALIVE WHO HAVE OBTAINED THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.

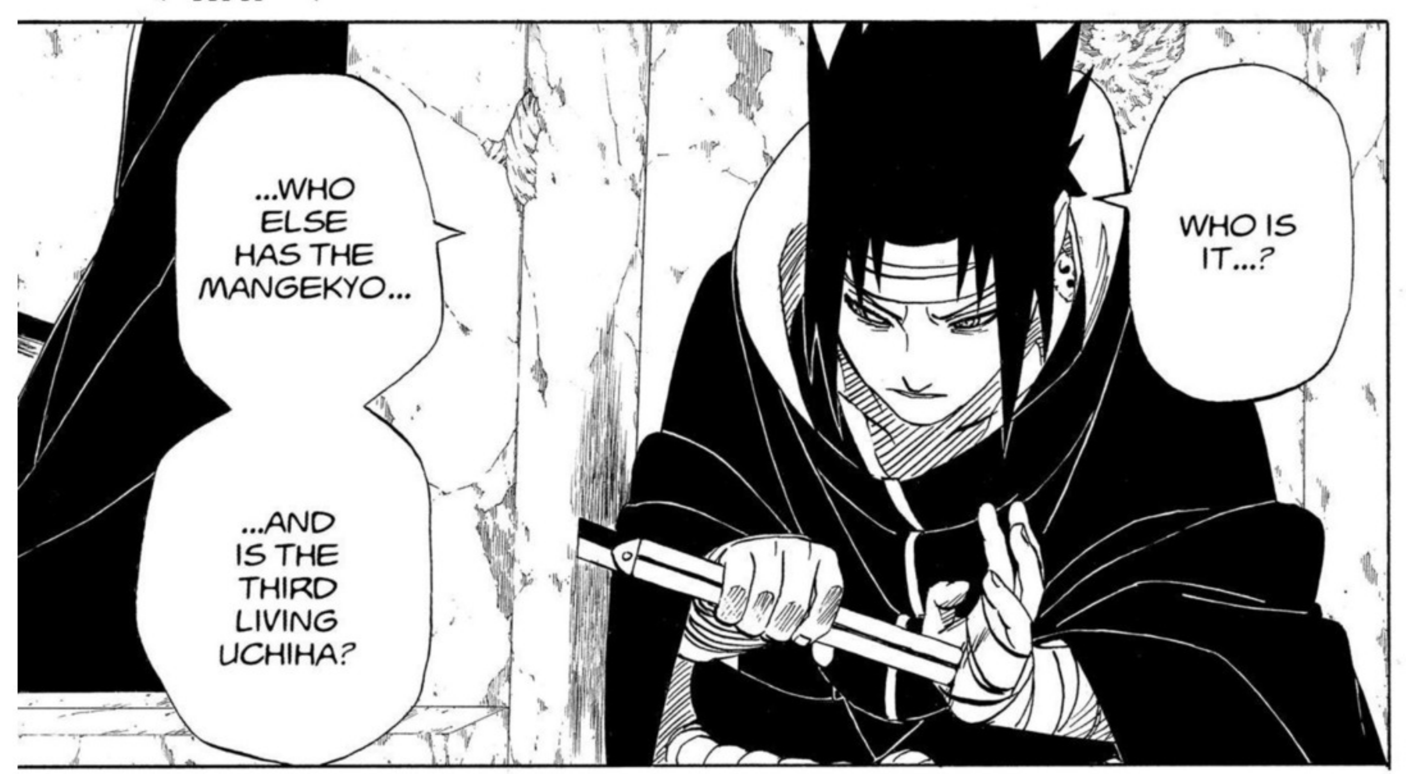

IF THAT HAPPENS ...
...THEN I WILL BE RIGHT IN LETTING YOU LIVE.


GNASH


ANSWER MY QUESTION.
OR ELSE THE PAIN IN YOUR CHEST WILL CONTINUE TO GROW UNABATED...
...YOU DELIBER-ATELY... AVOIDED A VITAL SPOT, HUH...




READ THIS WAY


WHO IS IT...?
...WHO ELSE HAS THE MANGEKYO...
...AND IS THE THIRD LIVING UCHIHA?


...


WHY... DO YOU EVEN HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT HIM?

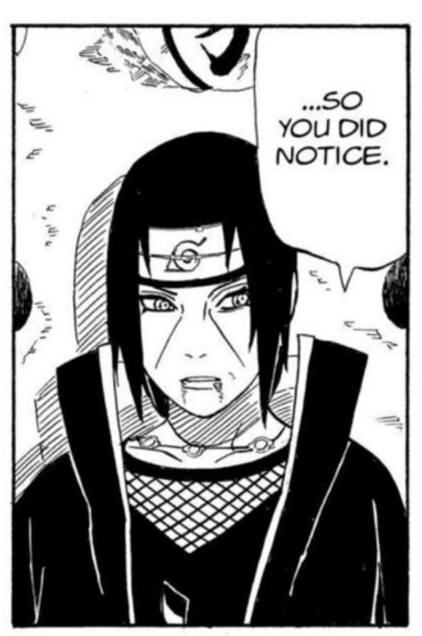

WELL, AFTER I DEAL WITH YOU, I'M GOING TO KILL HIM NEXT...
...THAT'S WHY.

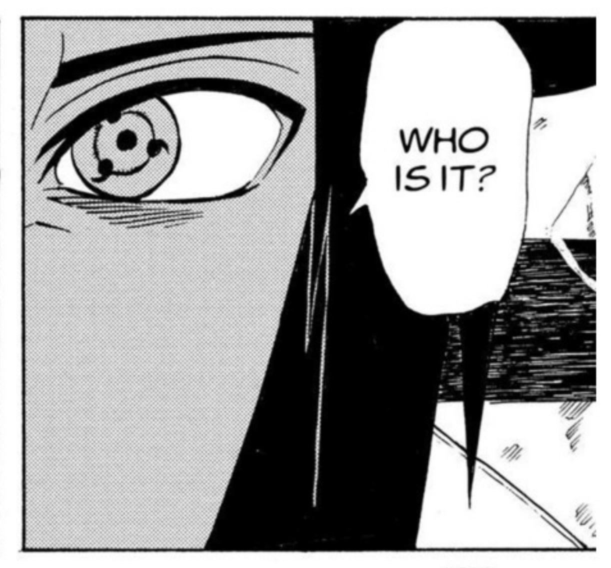

KILL HIM?

BACK WHEN YOU SLAUGHTERED OUR CLAN, YOU MENTIONED THE EXISTENCE OF ONE OTHER...
THE OTHER UCHIHA YOU DIDN'T KILL... MUST HAVE BEEN A COLLABORATOR...




FOR NO MATTER HOW GOOD YOU WERE, YOU COULDN'T HAVE TAKEN DOWN THE ENTIRE POLICE FORCE BY YOURSELF.


...SO YOU DID NOTICE.


WHO IS IT?

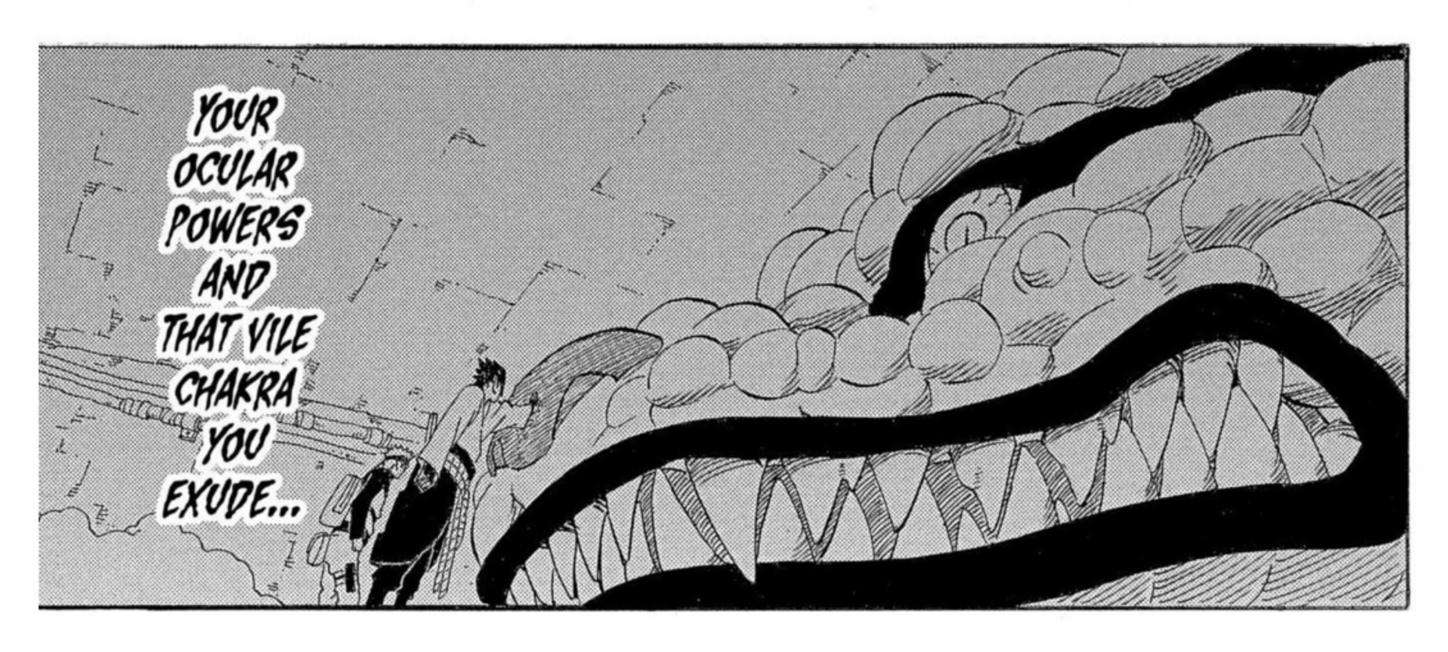





READ THIS WAY


UCHIHA MADARA.


THIP


YOUR OCULAR POWERS AND THAT VILE CHAKRA YOU EXUDE...


...REMIND ME OF UCHIHA MADARA...


ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF KONO-HAGAKURE ...
...AND THE MAN WHO FIRST AWAKENED THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.

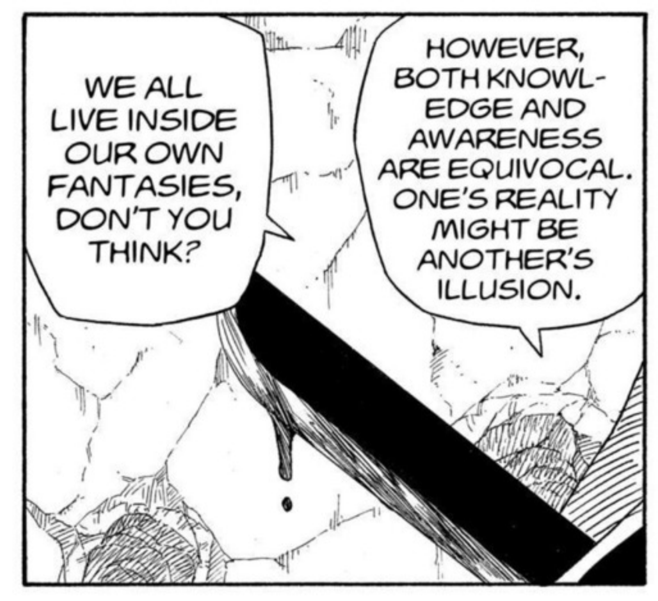

FOUNDER ...?
THEN HOW COULD HE STILL BE ALIVE?!


ARE YOU PLAYING WITH ME?!


...MADARA IS ALIVE.
WHETHER YOU WANT TO BELIEVE ME OR NOT IS YOUR CHOICE.


QUIT JOKING AROUND!

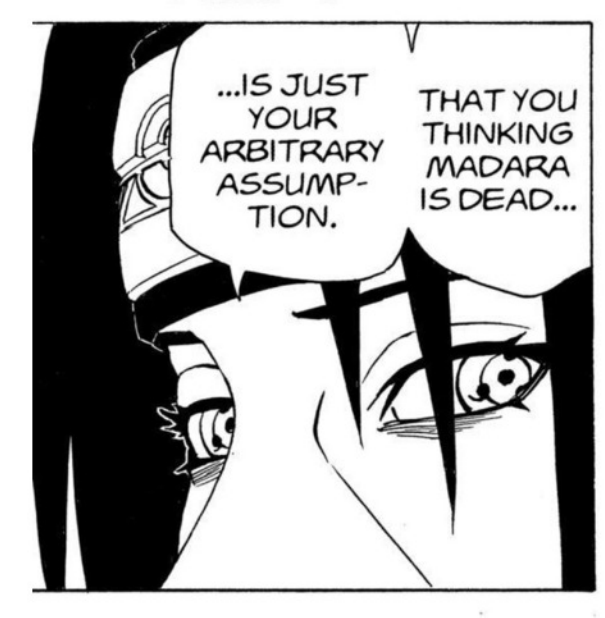

...EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US GOES THROUGH LIFE DEPENDING ON AND BOUND BY OUR INDIVIDUAL KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS.
AND WE CALL IT REALITY.

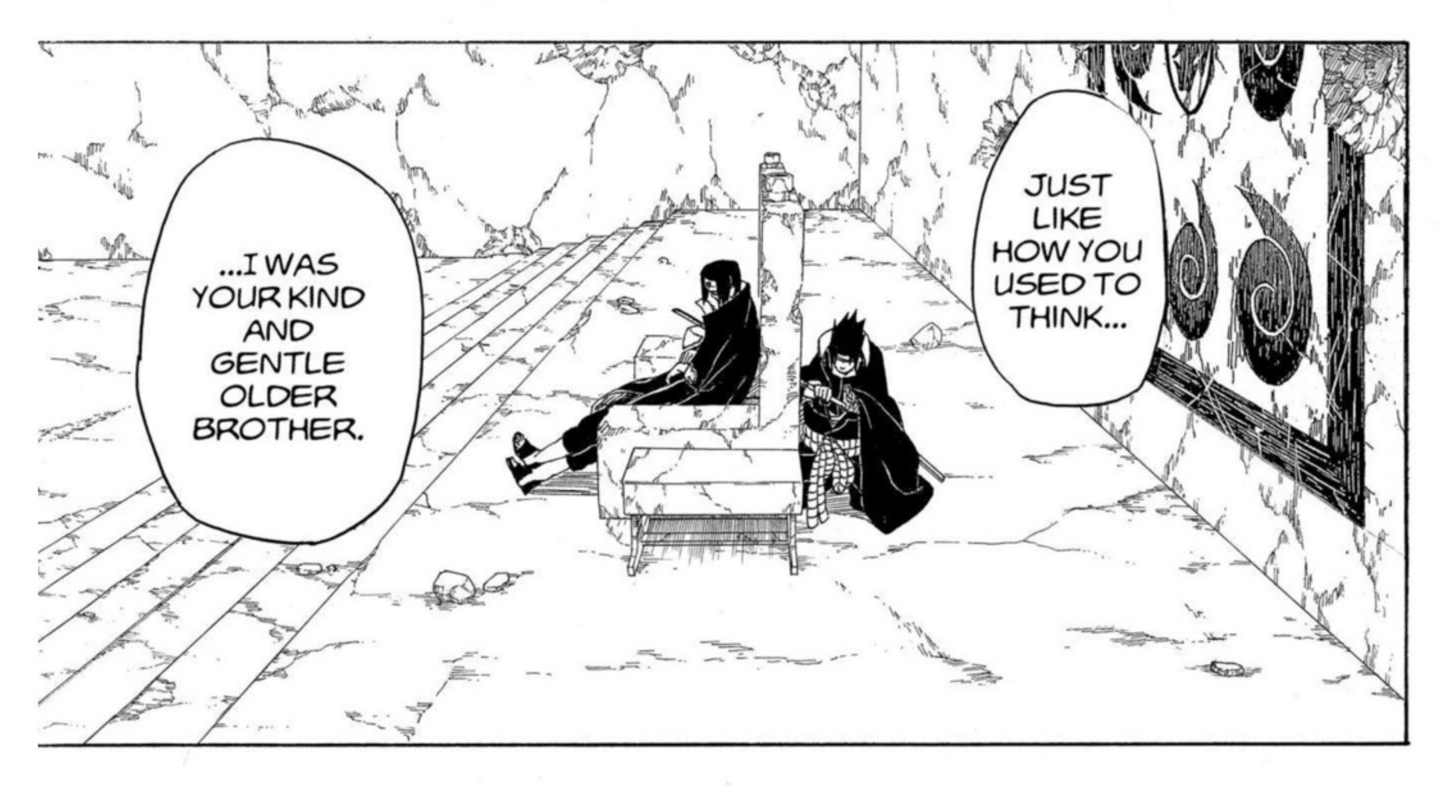

HOWEVER, BOTH KNOWL-EDGE AND AWARENESS ARE EQUIVOCAL. ONE'S REALITY MIGHT BE ANOTHER'S ILLUSION.
WE ALL LIVE INSIDE OUR OWN FANTASIES, DON'T YOU THINK?


READ
THIS
WAY


WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

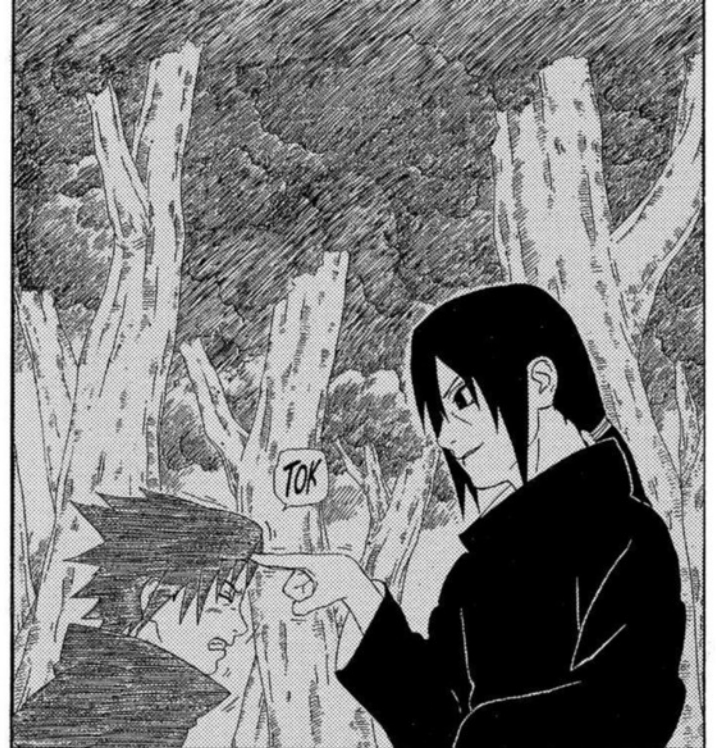

HMMPH...


THAT YOU THINKING MADARA IS DEAD...
...IS JUST YOUR ARBITRARY ASSUMPTION.

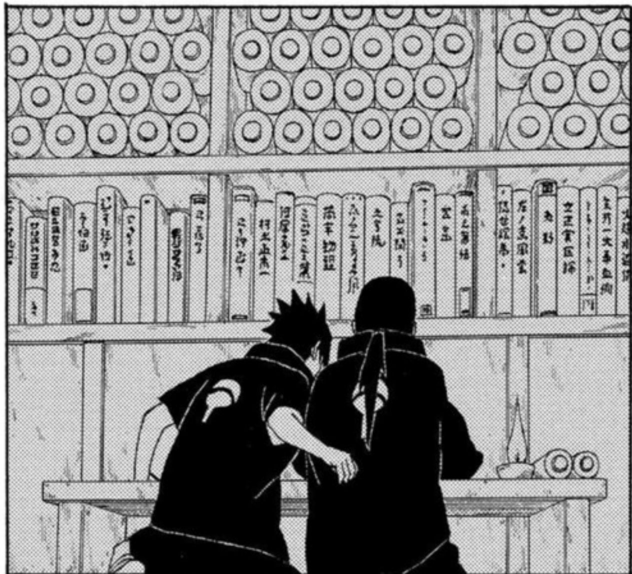

JUST LIKE HOW YOU USED TO THINK...
...I WAS YOUR KIND AND GENTLE OLDER BROTHER.

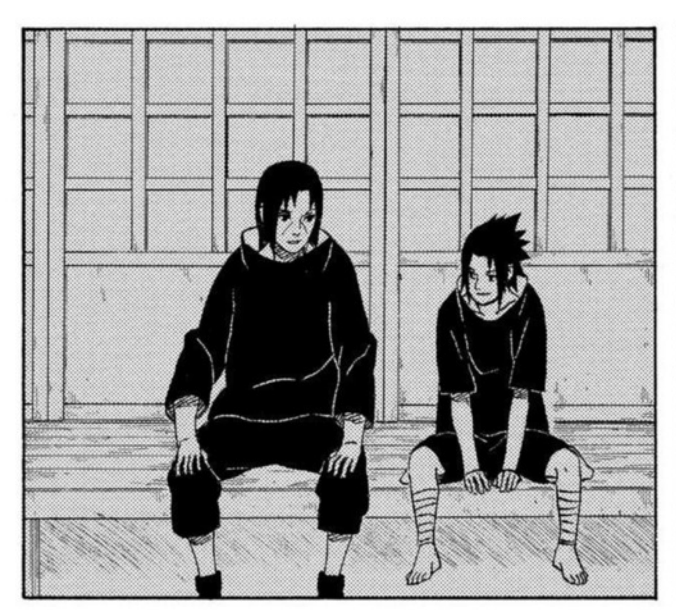




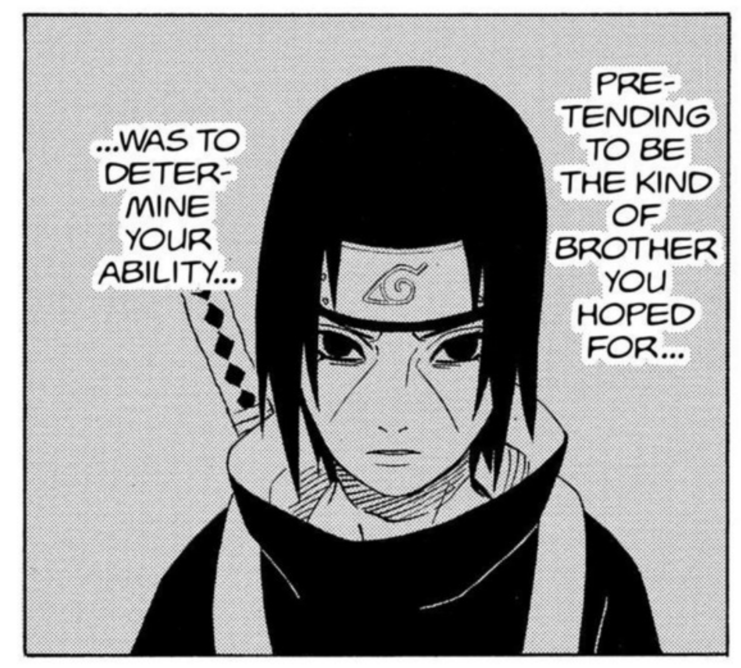

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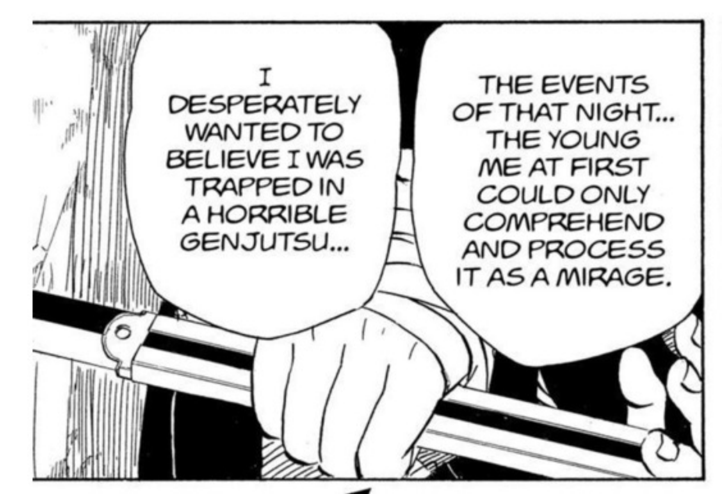




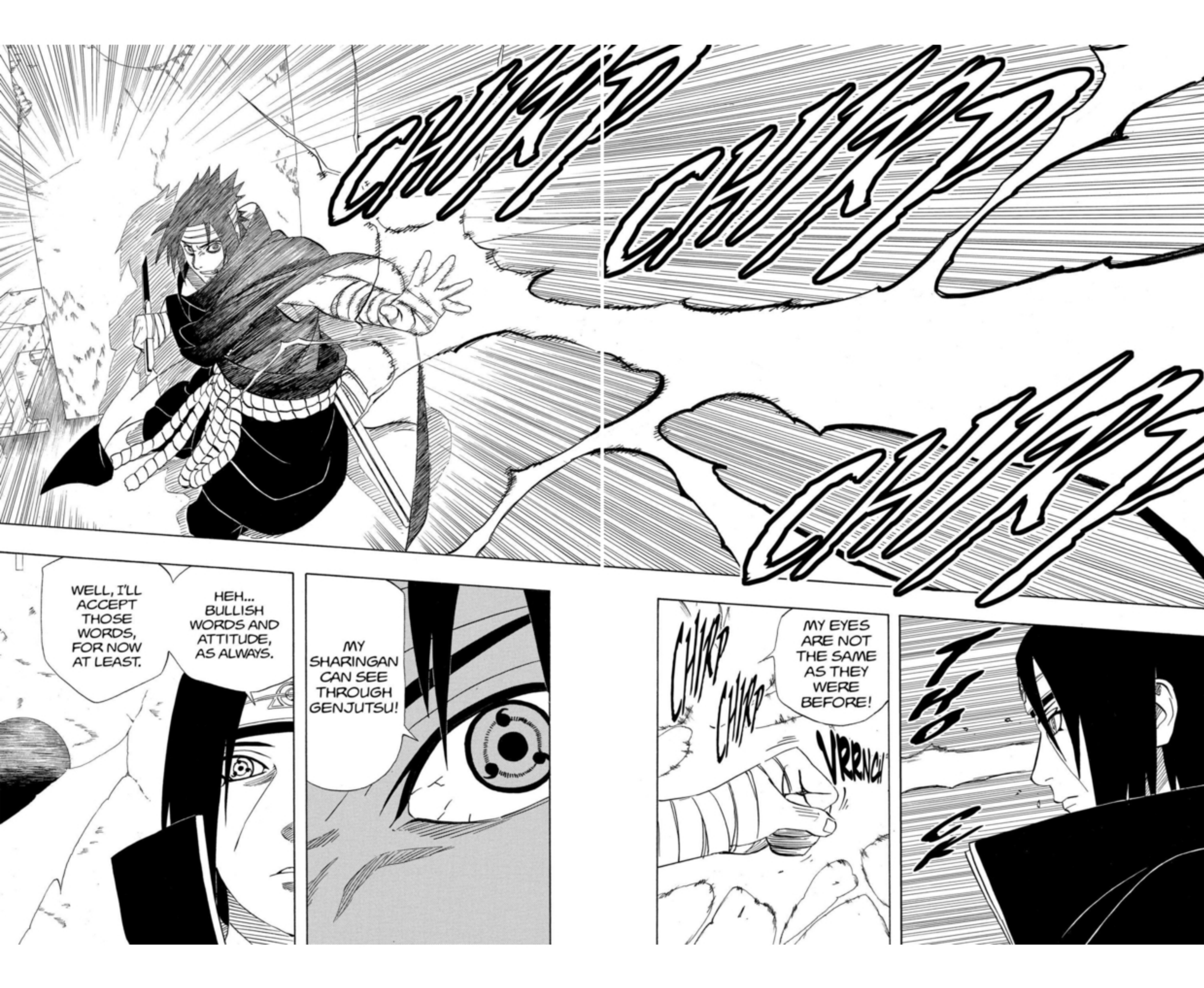

PRE-
TENDING
TO BE
THE KIND
OF
BROTHER
YOU
HOPED
FOR...
...WAS TO
DETER-
MINE
YOUR
ABILITY...






THE EVENTS OF THAT NIGHT... THE YOUNG ME AT FIRST COULD ONLY COMPREHEND AND PROCESS IT AS A MIRAGE.
I DESPERATELY WANTED TO BELIEVE I WAS TRAPPED IN A HORRIBLE GENJUTSU...

...BUT THERE WAS NO MISTAKE, I WAS TRAPPED IN REALITY!!


CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
MY EYES ARE NOT THE SAME AS THEY WERE BEFORE!
CHIRP
CHIRP
VRRNCH
MY SHARINGAN CAN SEE THROUGH GENJUTSU!
HEH... BULLISH WORDS AND ATTITUDE, AS ALWAYS.
WELL, I'LL ACCEPT THOSE WORDS, FOR NOW AT LEAST.

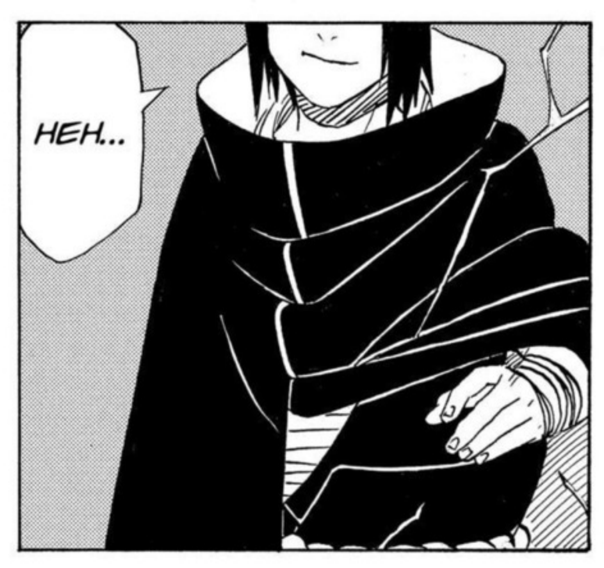

CHIRP...!


I'M DONE PLAYING ALONG WITH YOUR PARLOR TRICKS.
FSH


WSSH...


CHIRP
...BUT SASUKE ...
...IT SEEMS YOU STILL DO NOT HAVE THE SAME EYES AS I DO.


AND SOMEDAY, WHEN YOU HAVE THE SAME EYES AS I, YOU WILL FIND ME AGAIN.

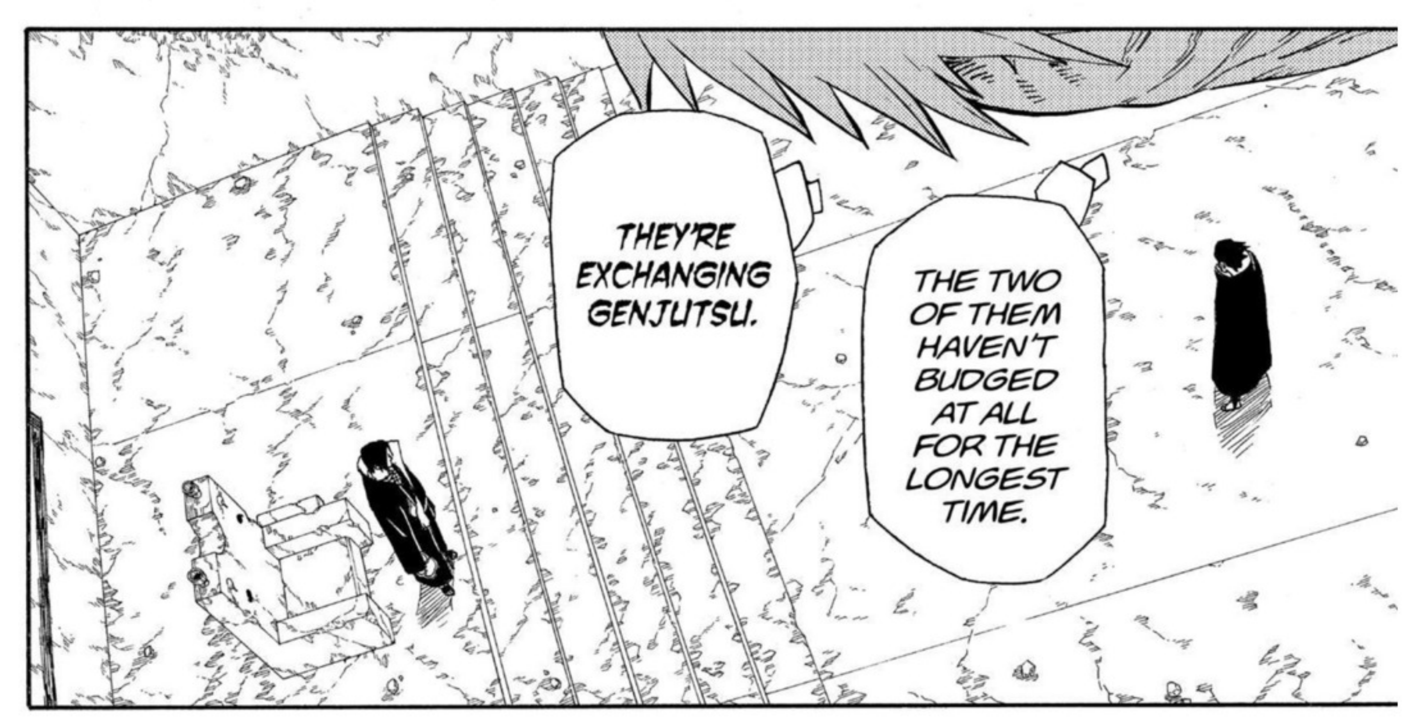

HEH...


THEN HURRY UP AND USE THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN TO TRY TO KILL ME!
OR AM I TOO STRONG NOW FOR YOU TO MEASURE YOUR CAPACITY AGAINST MINE?




FSH
WHAT IMPRESSIVE CONFIDENCE...




THE TWO OF THEM HAVEN'T BUDGED AT ALL FOR THE LONGEST TIME.
THEY'RE EXCHANGING GENJUTSU.

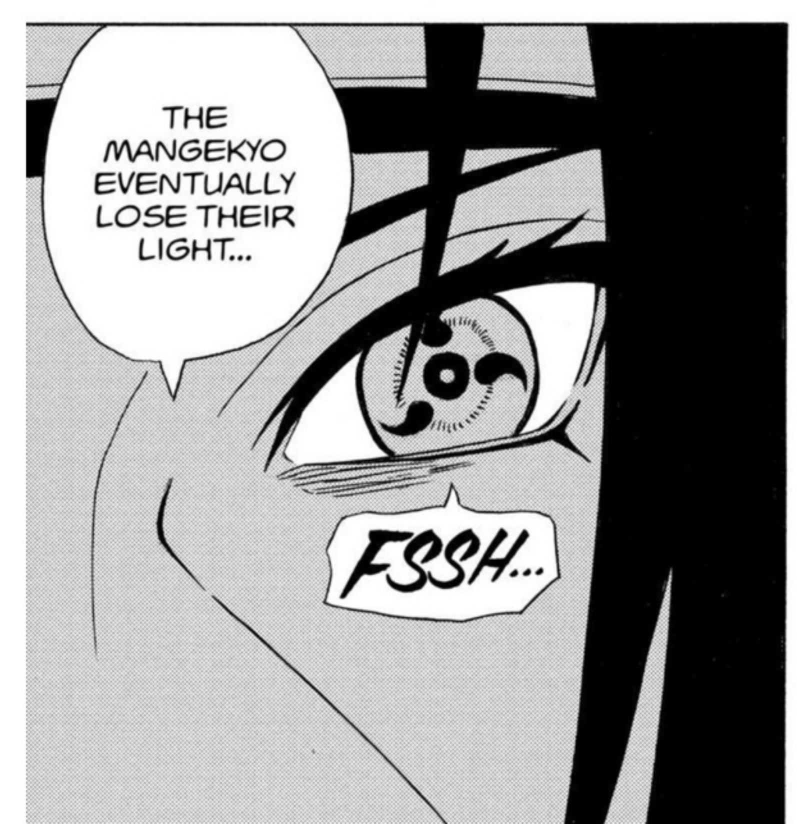



THE MANGEKYO SHARIN-GAN...
...ARE VERY SPECIAL EYES...


...?


FROM THE MOMENT THEY AWAKEN, THEY CONTINUOUSLY PROGRESS TOWARD DARKNESS.
AND THE MORE YOU USE THEM, THE QUICKER THEY BECOME SEALED.

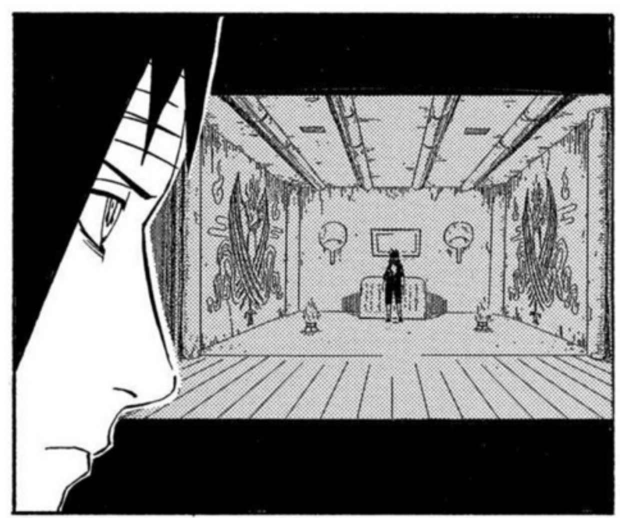

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

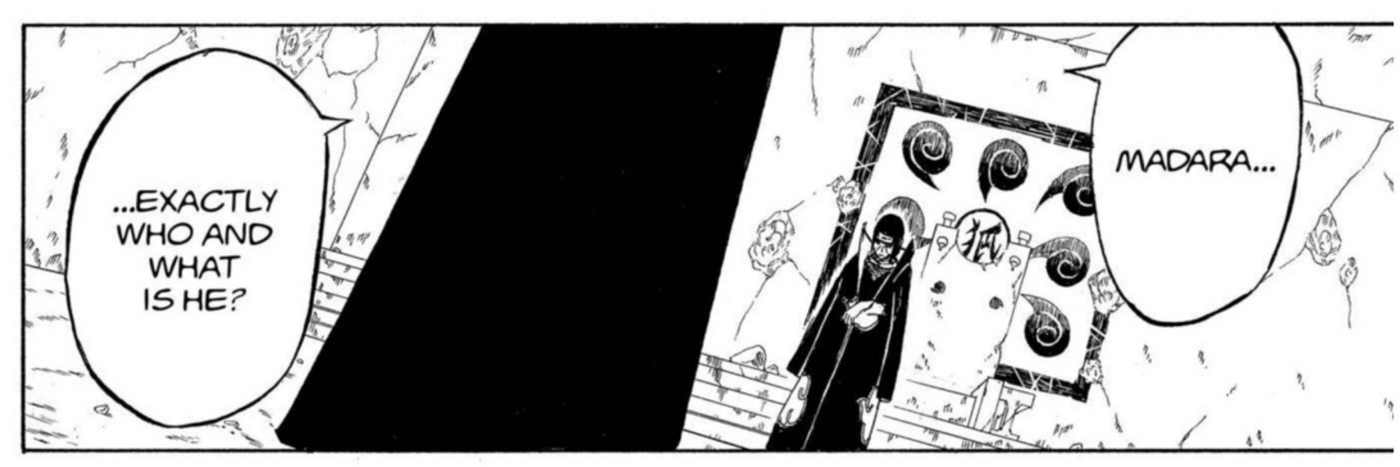

THE MANGEKYO EVENTUALLY LOSE THEIR LIGHT...
FSSH...

BLINDNESS...

THAT'S THE PRICE OF OBTAINING THE POWER TO CONTROL NINE TAILS, EH.





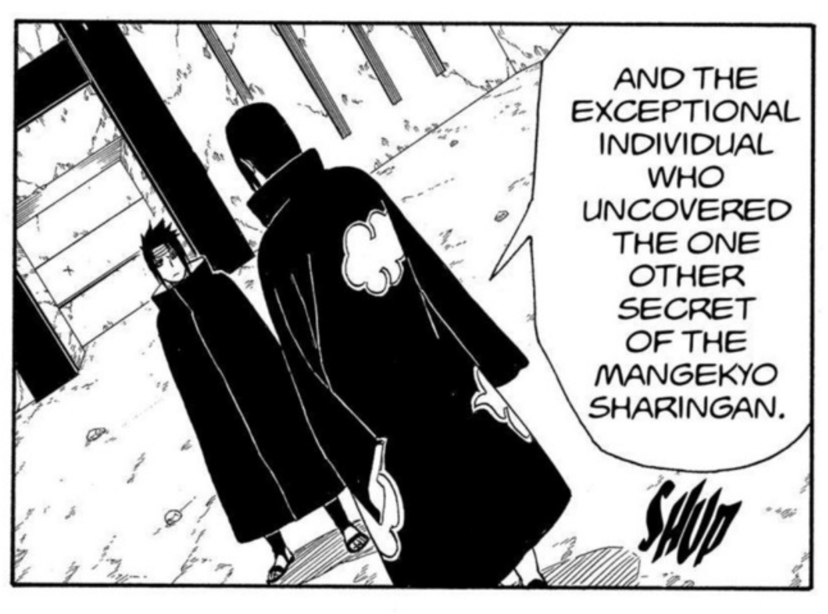


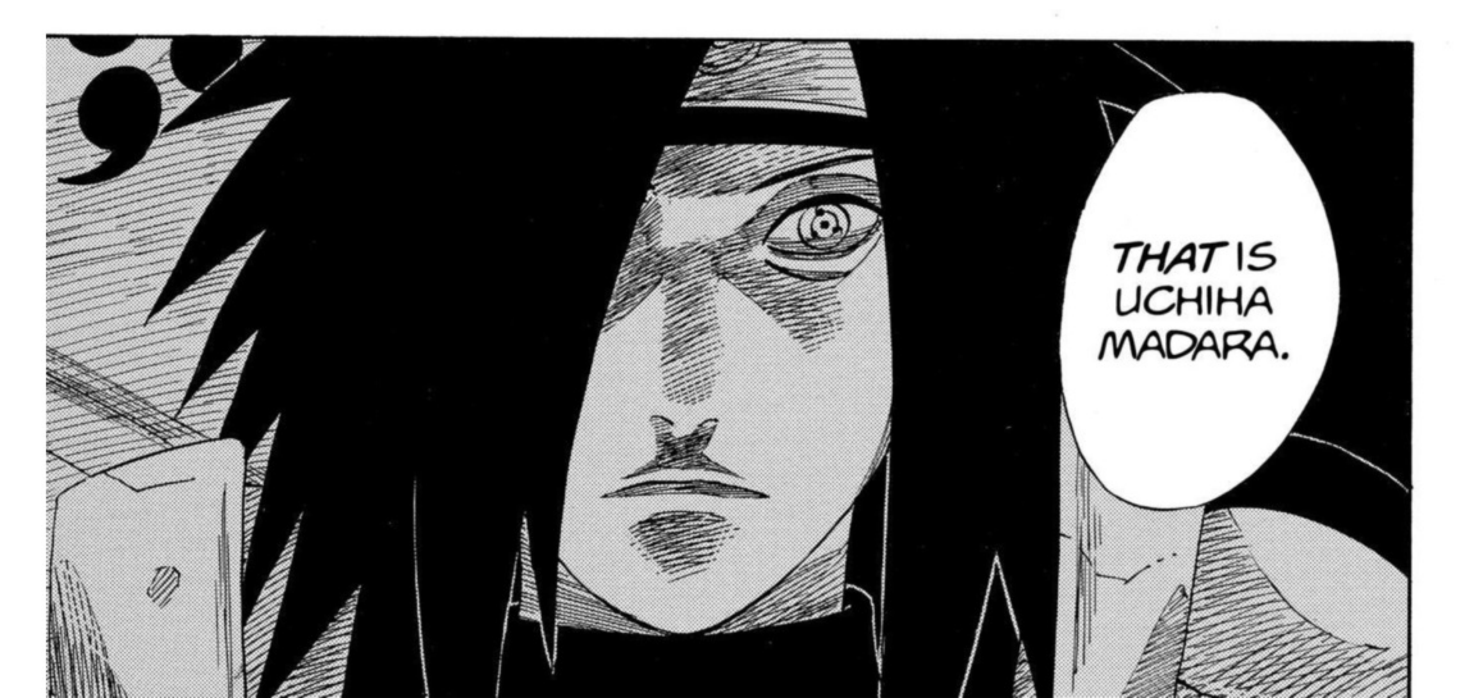

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THE FIRST MAN TO TAME NINE TAILS WITH HIS EYES.
SSH...

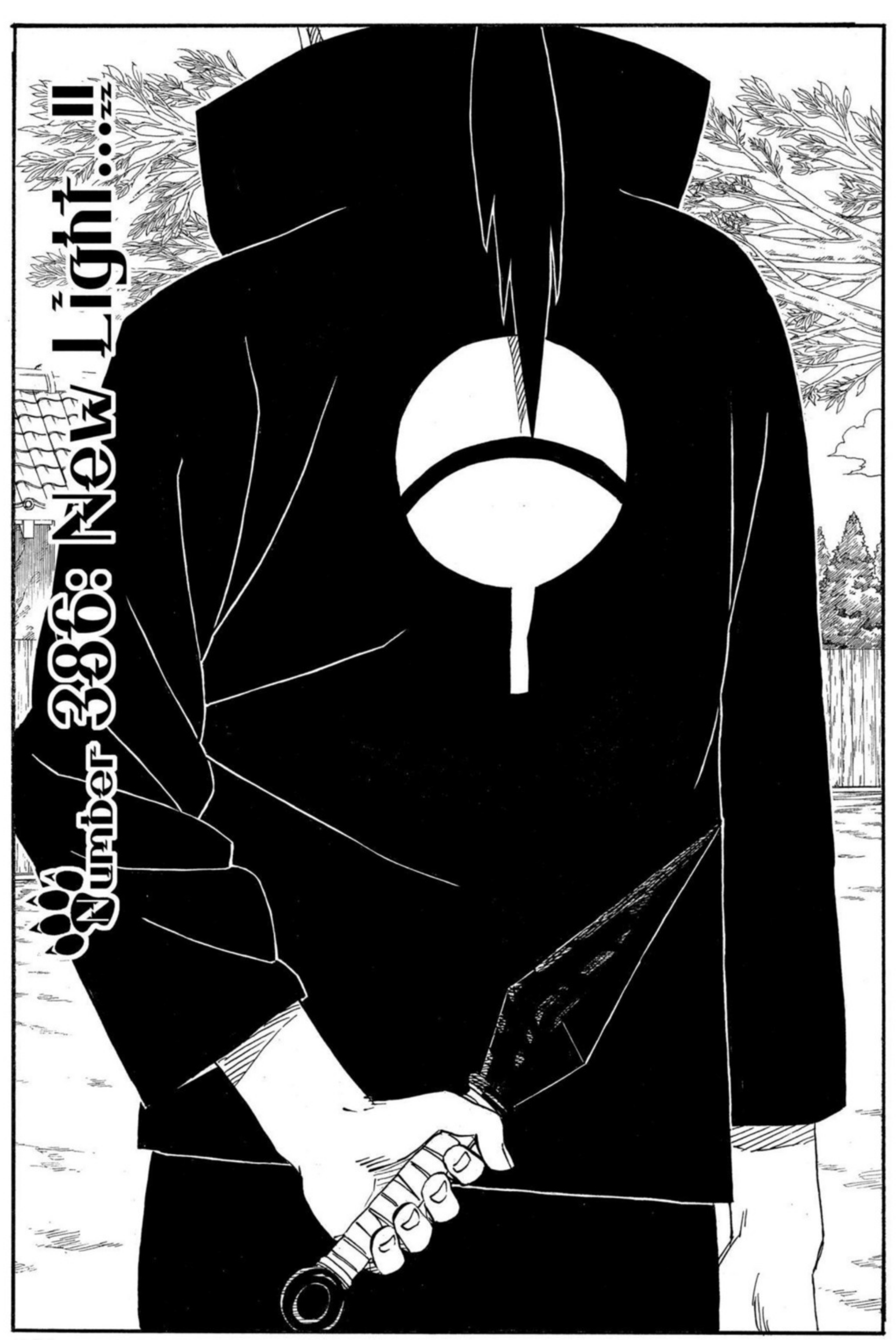

AN IMMORTAL MAN WHO IS BOTH MY COMRADE AND MY MENTOR.


VWEEN


AND THE EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUAL WHO UNCOVERED THE ONE OTHER SECRET OF THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.
SHUP


THAT IS UCHIHA MADARA.


NARUTO


Number 386: New Light…!!



WHAT OTHER POWER DO THEY HAVE ASIDE FROM TAMING NINE TAILS?

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THAT'S RIGHT... THIS ONE OTHER SECRET...
...IS ACTUALLY THE MOST CRUCIAL ONE.

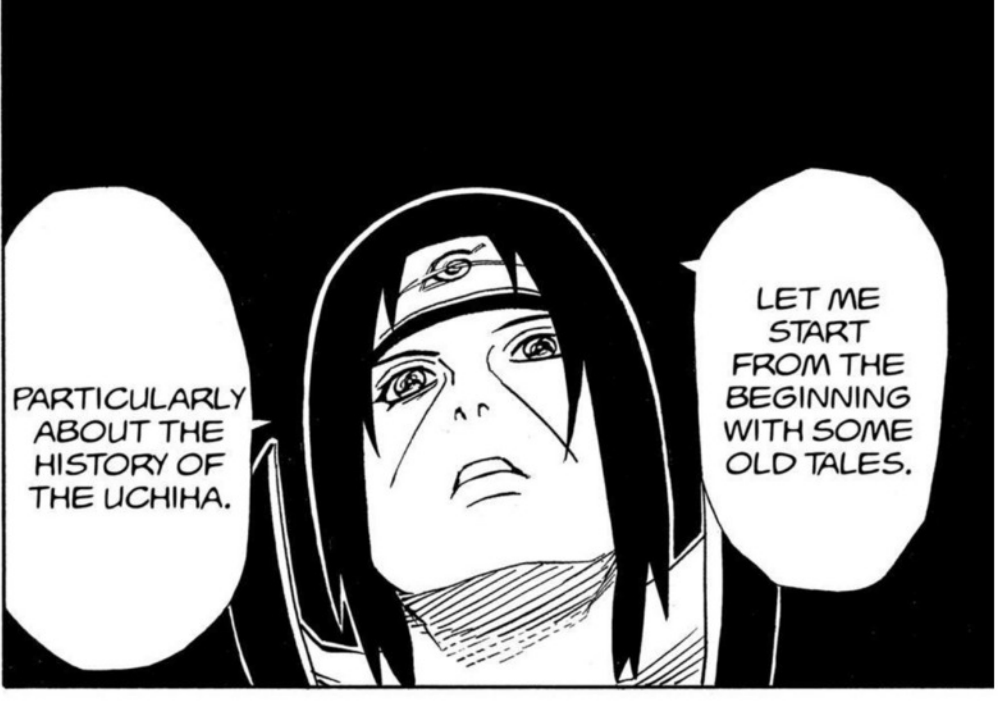

THE MOST CRUCIAL ...?
SO WHAT IS IT?





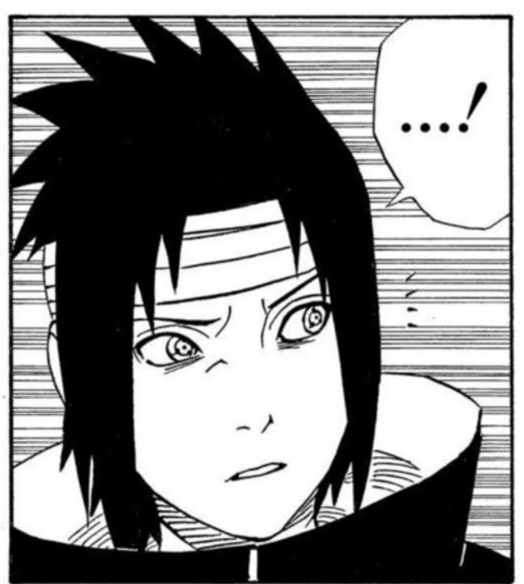


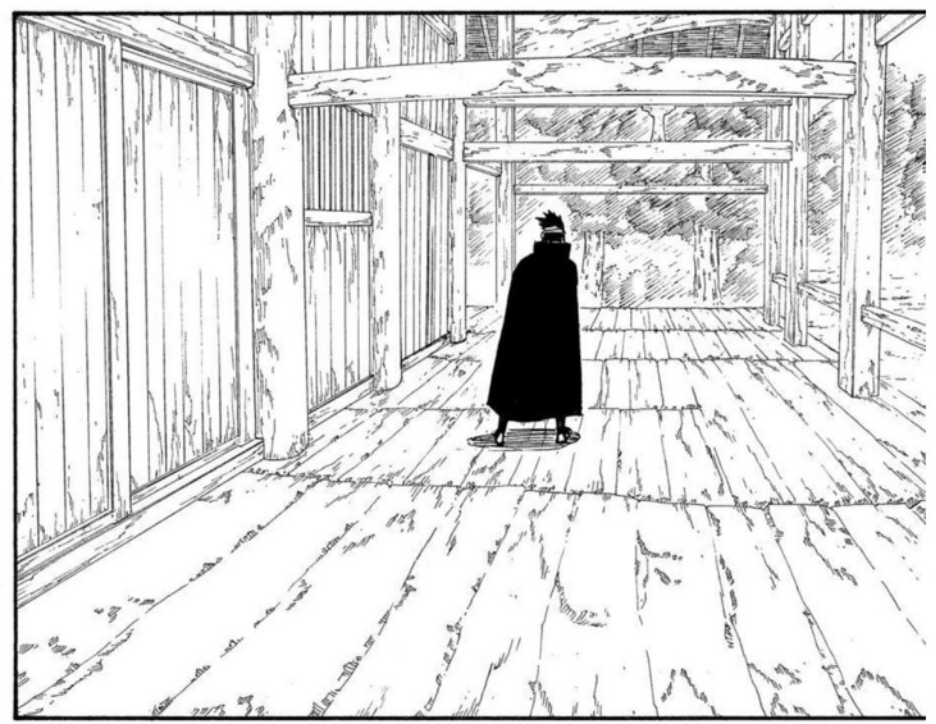

WELL?
ANSWER ME...!


LET ME START FROM THE BEGINNING WITH SOME OLD TALES.
PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE UCHIHA.


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MADARA ONCE HAD A SIBLING AS WELL.
...A YOUNGER BROTHER, IN FACT.

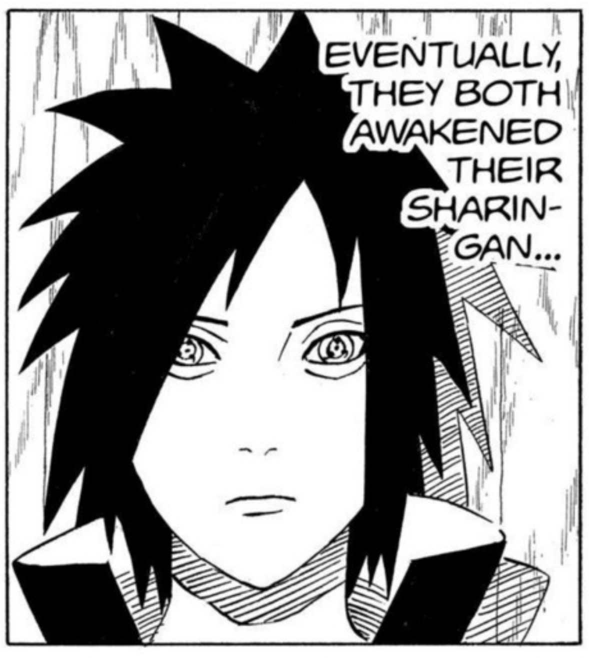

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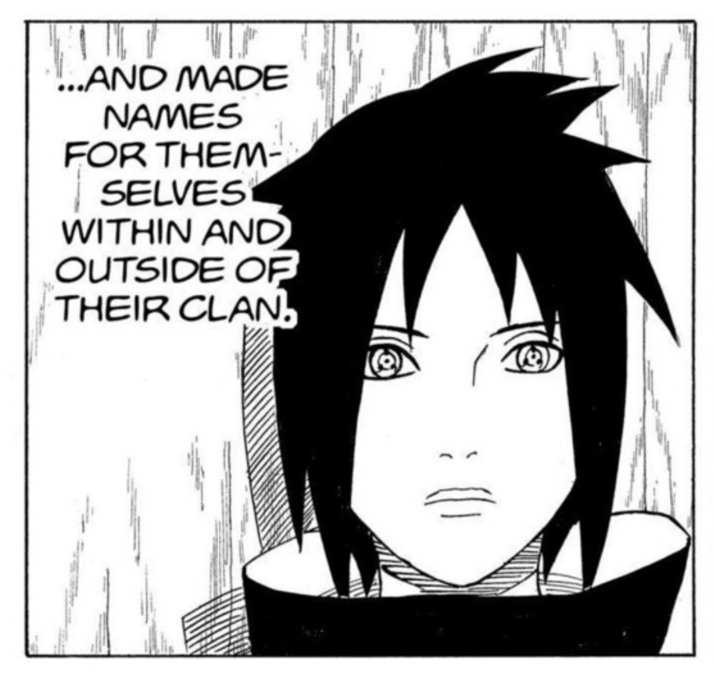


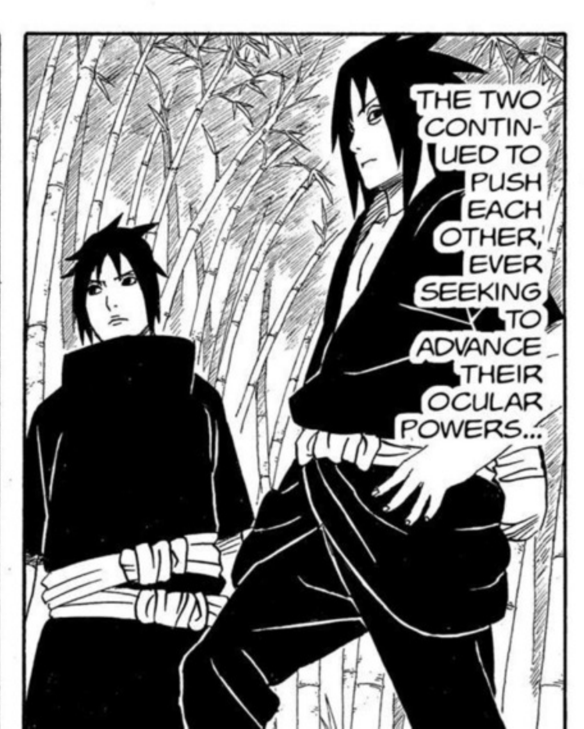

FSH


READ THIS WAY


FROM WHEN THEY WERE CHILDREN, THE TWO CONSTANTLY TESTED AND HONED THEIR SKILLS AGAINST EACH OTHER.


EVENTUALLY, THEY BOTH AWAKENED THEIR SHARIN-GAN...


...AND MADE NAMES FOR THEM-SELVES WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THEIR CLAN.


THE TWO CONTIN-UED TO PUSH EACH OTHER, EVER SEEKING TO ADVANCE THEIR OCULAR POWERS...


THUS, THE TWO...


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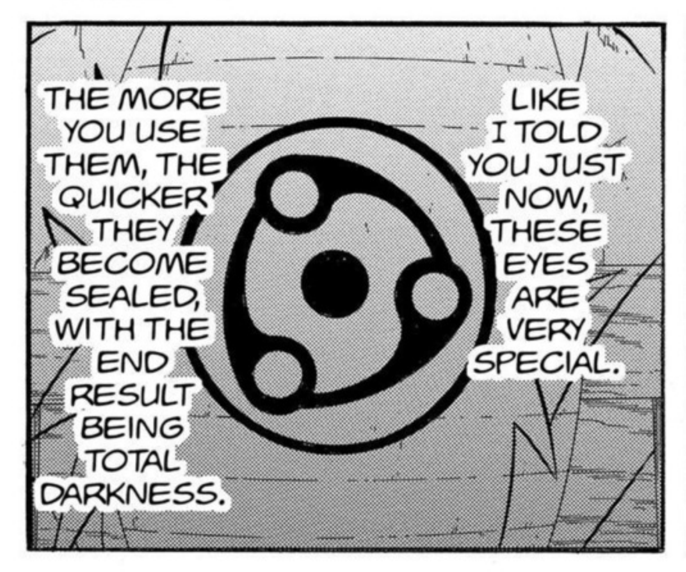
...CAME TO AWAKEN THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.





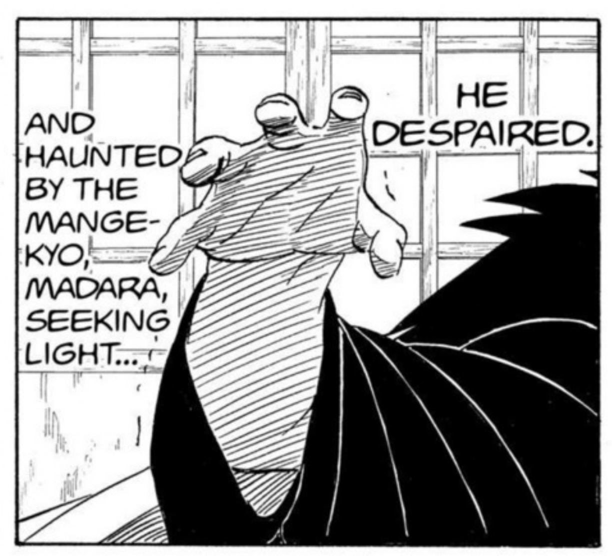

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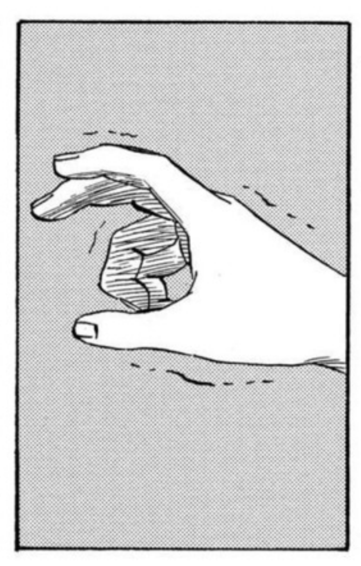

HOWEVER... MADARA SUDDENLY STARTED SUFFERING ODD SYMPTOMS.


LIKE I TOLD YOU JUST NOW, THESE EYES ARE VERY SPECIAL.
THE MORE YOU USE THEM, THE QUICKER THEY BECOME SEALED, WITH THE END RESULT BEING TOTAL DARKNESS.


THAT IS THE FATE OF THE MANGE-KYO SHARIN-GAN.
IN EXCHANGE FOR OBTAIN-ING INCRED-IBLE OCULAR POWERS... THAT POWER SHUTS ITSELF DOWN, CUT-TING OFF THE LIGHT FOREVER.


IN ORDER TO RECLAIM THE LIGHT, MADARA TRIED ALL THE METHODS HE COULD FIND, BUT NOTHING WAS EFFECTIVE.

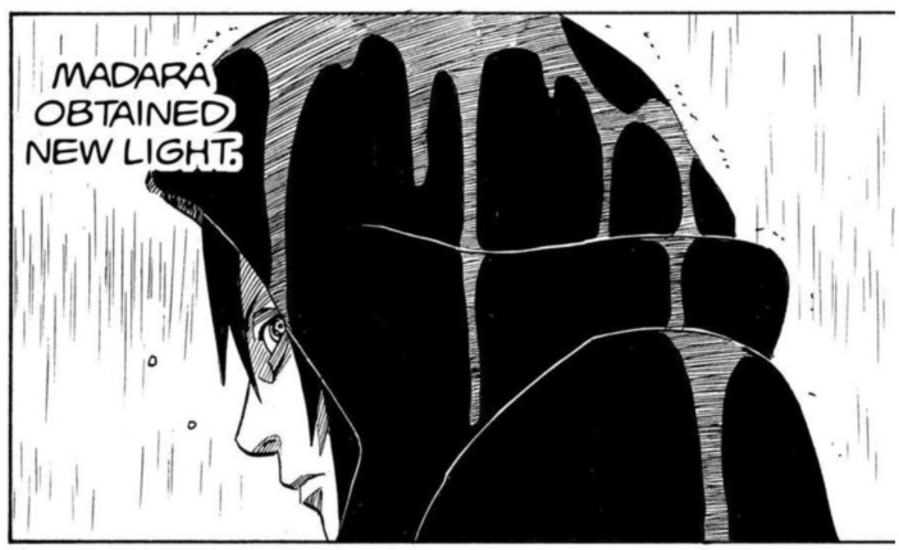

HE DESPAIRED.
AND HAUNTED BY THE MANGE-KYO, MADARA, SEEKING LIGHT...




FORGIVE ME...


...STOLE HIS OWN BROTHER'S EYES!

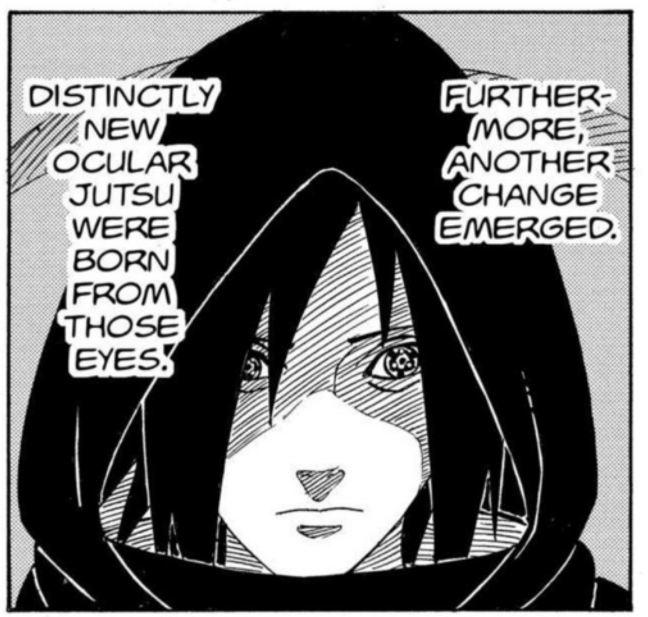


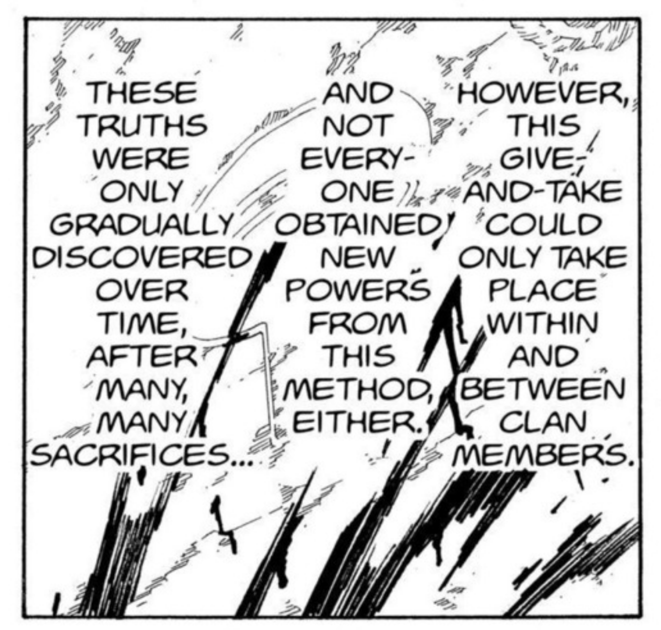

MADARA OBTAINED NEW LIGHT.


AND... IT NEVER FADED AGAIN.

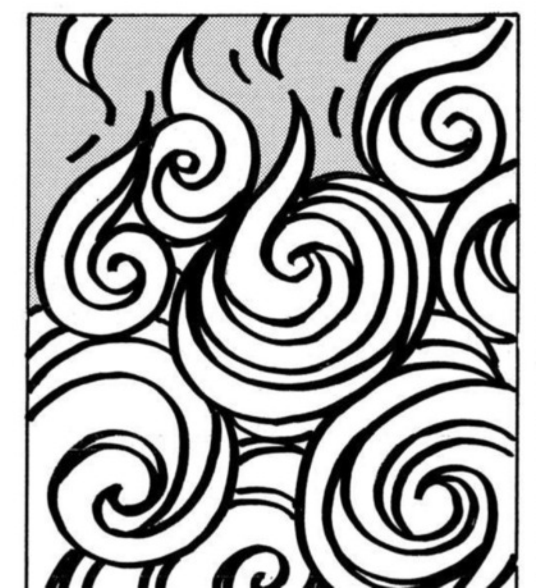
BY GAINING A NEW HOST, THE YOUNGER BROTHER'S EYES OBTAINED ETERNAL LIGHT...

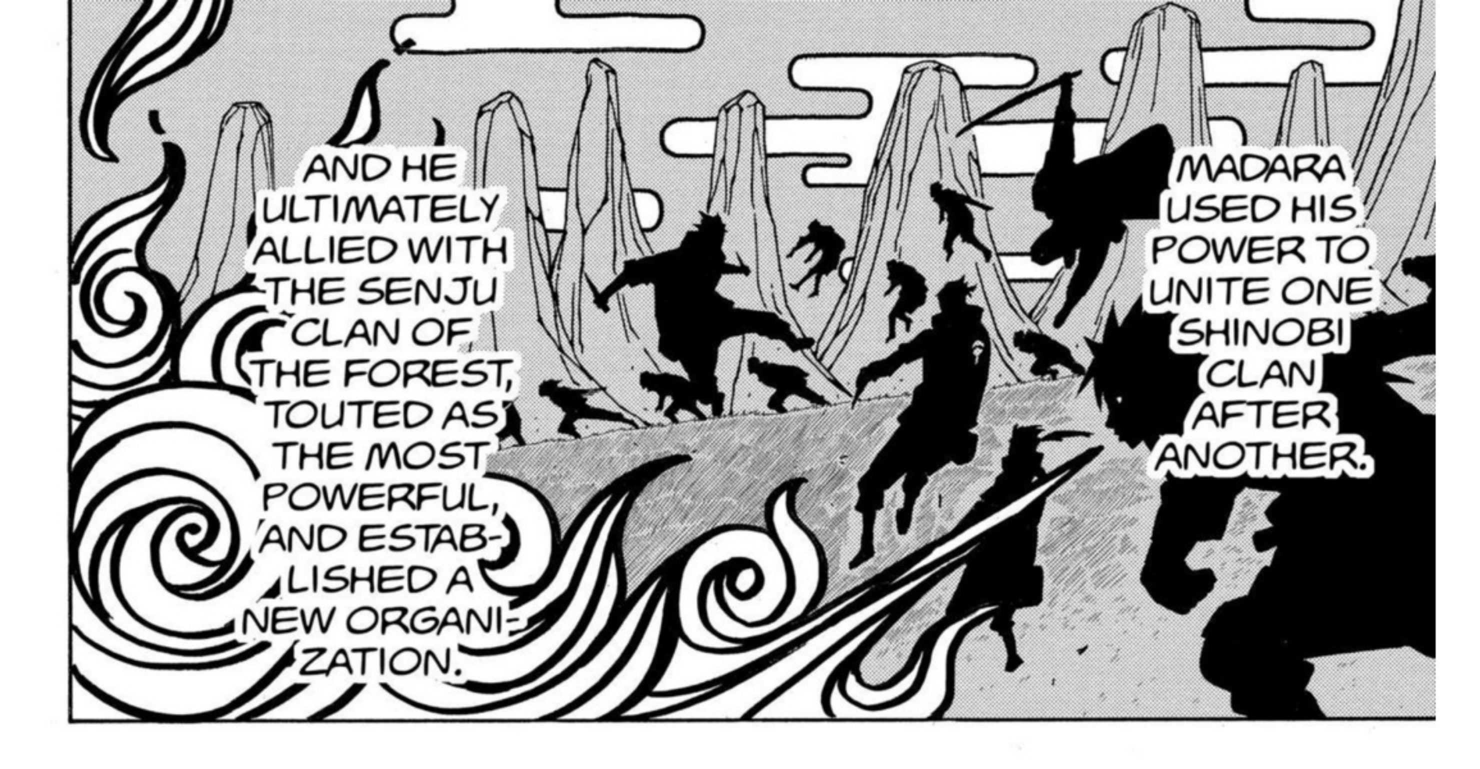
ETERNAL MANGEKYO SHARINGAN!

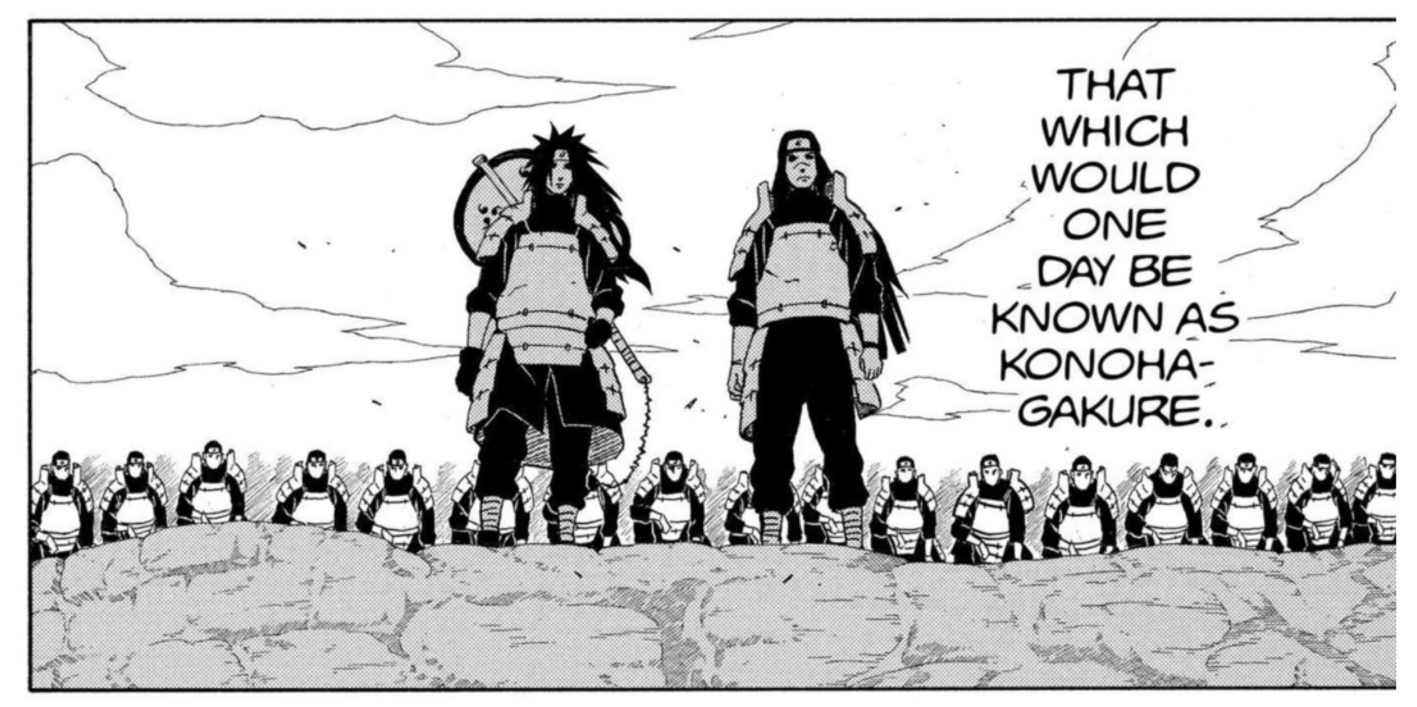


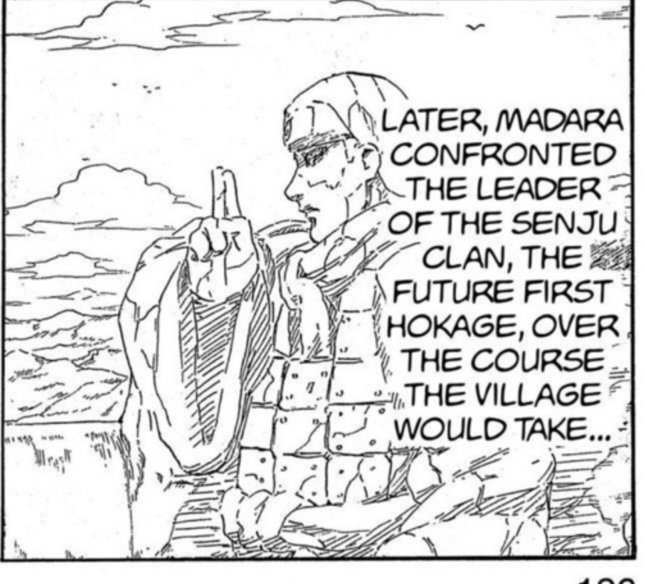


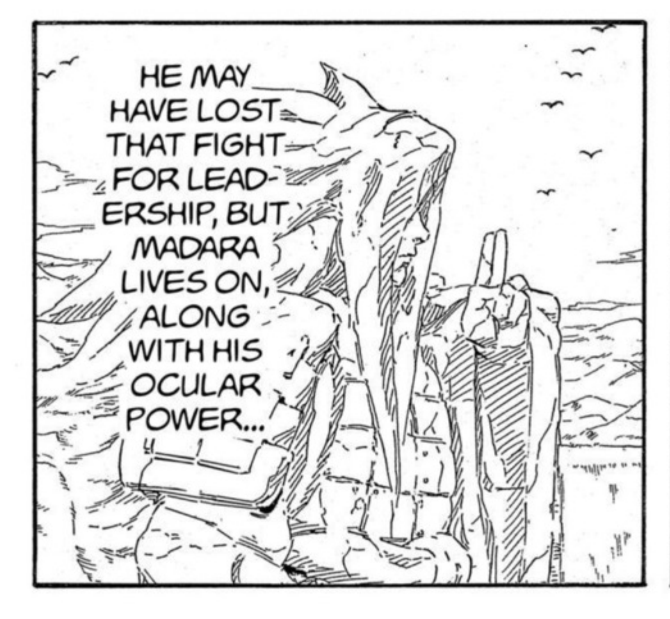




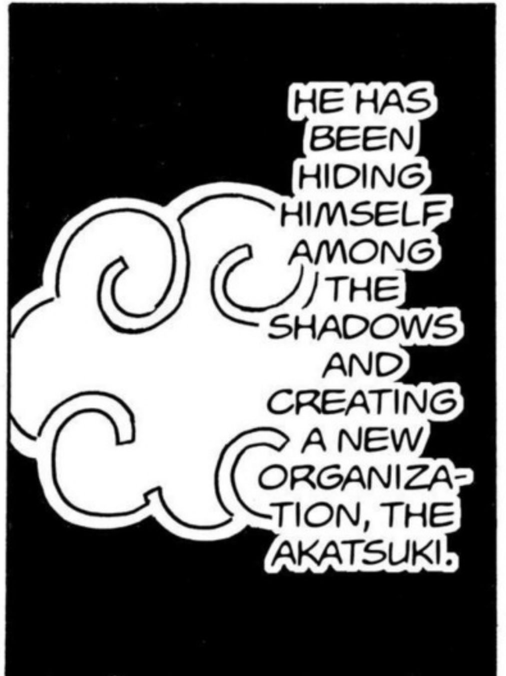

MADARA USED HIS POWER TO UNITE ONE SHINOBI CLAN AFTER ANOTHER.
AND HE ULTIMATELY ALLIED WITH THE SENJU CLAN OF THE FOREST, TOUTED AS THE MOST POWERFUL, AND ESTAB-LISHED A NEW ORGANI-ZATION.


THAT WHICH WOULD ONE DAY BE KNOWN AS KONOHA-GAKURE.


LATER, MADARA CONFRONTED THE LEADER OF THE SENJU CLAN, THE FUTURE FIRST HOKAGE, OVER THE COURSE THE VILLAGE WOULD TAKE...

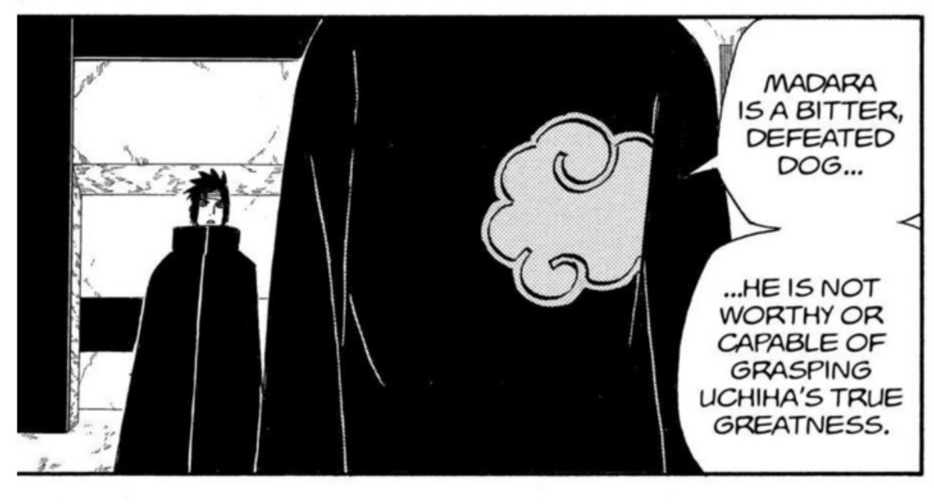

HE MAY HAVE LOST THAT FIGHT FOR LEAD-ERSHIP, BUT MADARA LIVES ON, ALONG WITH HIS OCULAR POWER...

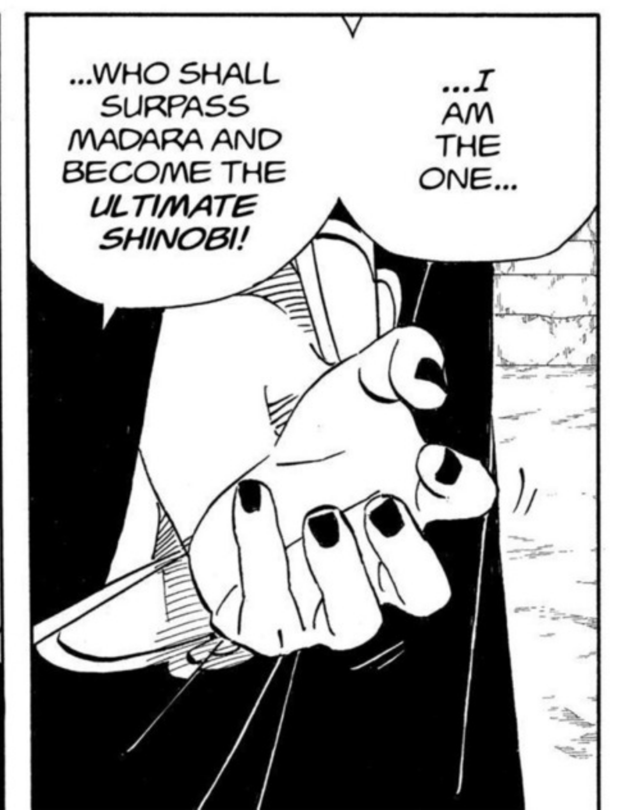

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HE HAS BEEN HIDING HIMSELF AMONG THE SHADOWS AND CREATING A NEW ORGANIZATION, THE AKATSUKI.

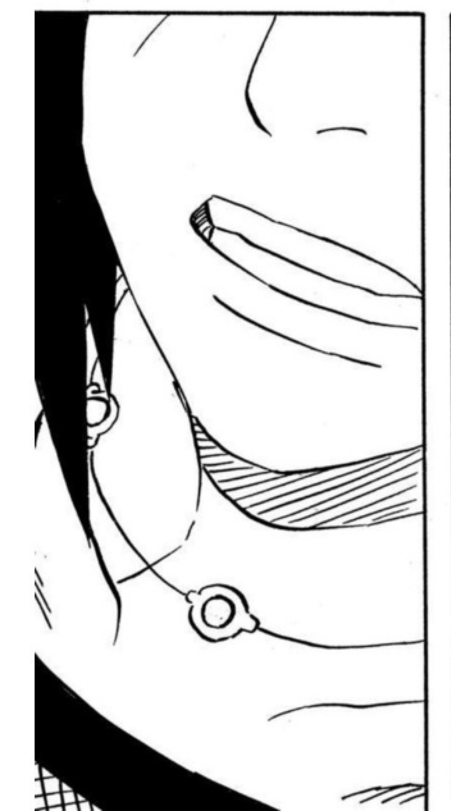

SIXTEEN YEARS AGO... WHEN NINE TAILS ASSAULTED KONOHA, THAT WAS MADARA'S DOING, OF COURSE.
BUT THAT TOO, THE FOURTH HOKAGE STOPPED. IN SHORT...


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MADARA IS A BITTER, DEFEATED DOG...
...HE IS NOT WORTHY OR CAPABLE OF GRASPING UCHIHA'S TRUE GREATNESS.

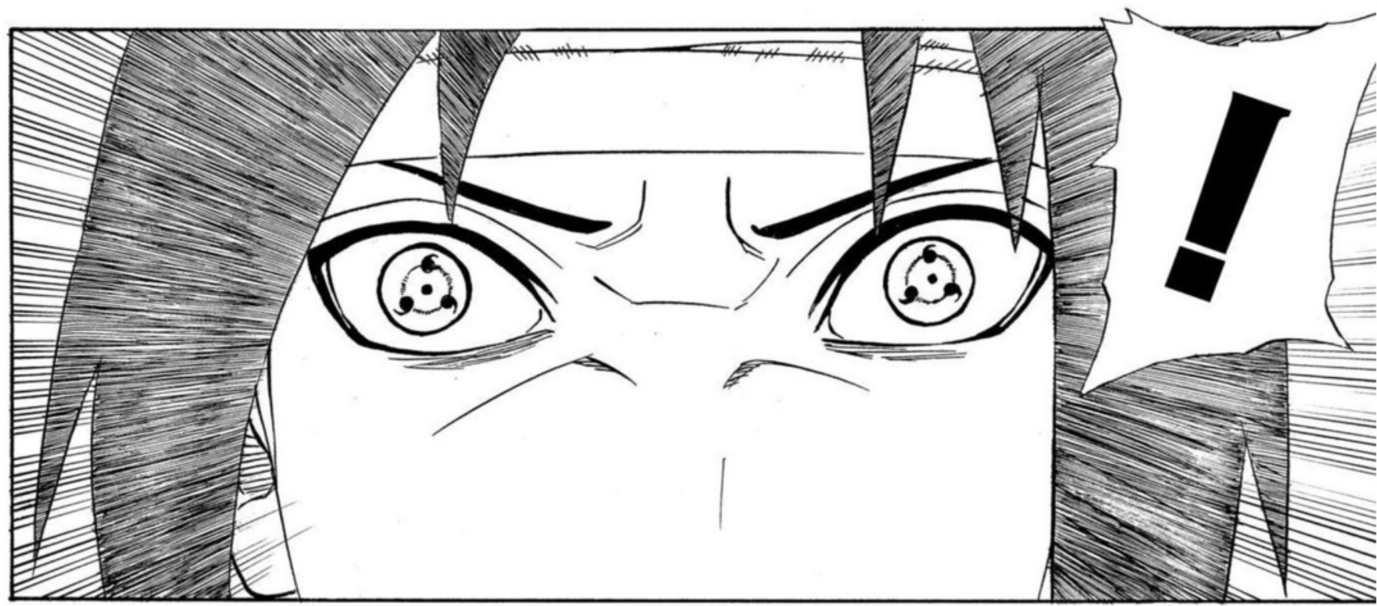

...I AM THE ONE...
...WHO SHALL SURPASS MADARA AND BECOME THE ***ULTIMATE SHINOBI!***


AND NOW...
...I CAN FINALLY OBTAIN POWER THAT EXCEEDS MADARA'S!



SASUKE!!

YOU ARE MY NEW LIGHT!




RRRAAR
YOU HAVE MY SPARE EYES!!

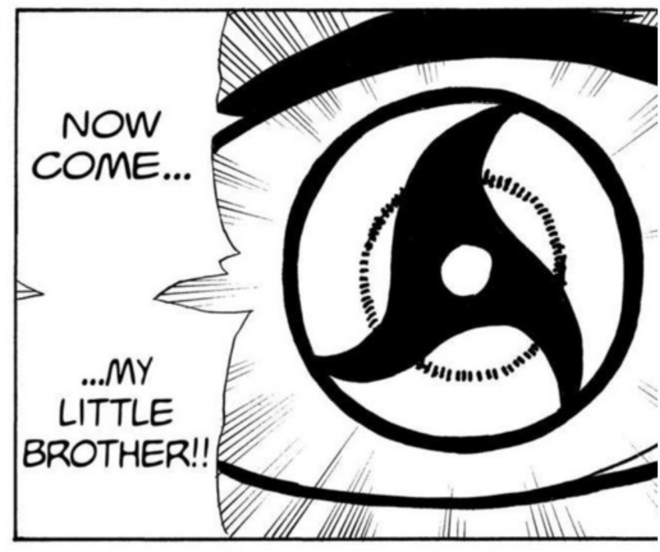

ZWOOO...


FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, IT TOOK KILLING A FRIEND FOR THE UCHIHA CLAN TO AWAKEN THE MANGEKYO SHARINGAN...
...AND KILLING A BLOOD RELATIVE TO OBTAIN ETERNAL OCULAR POWERS...

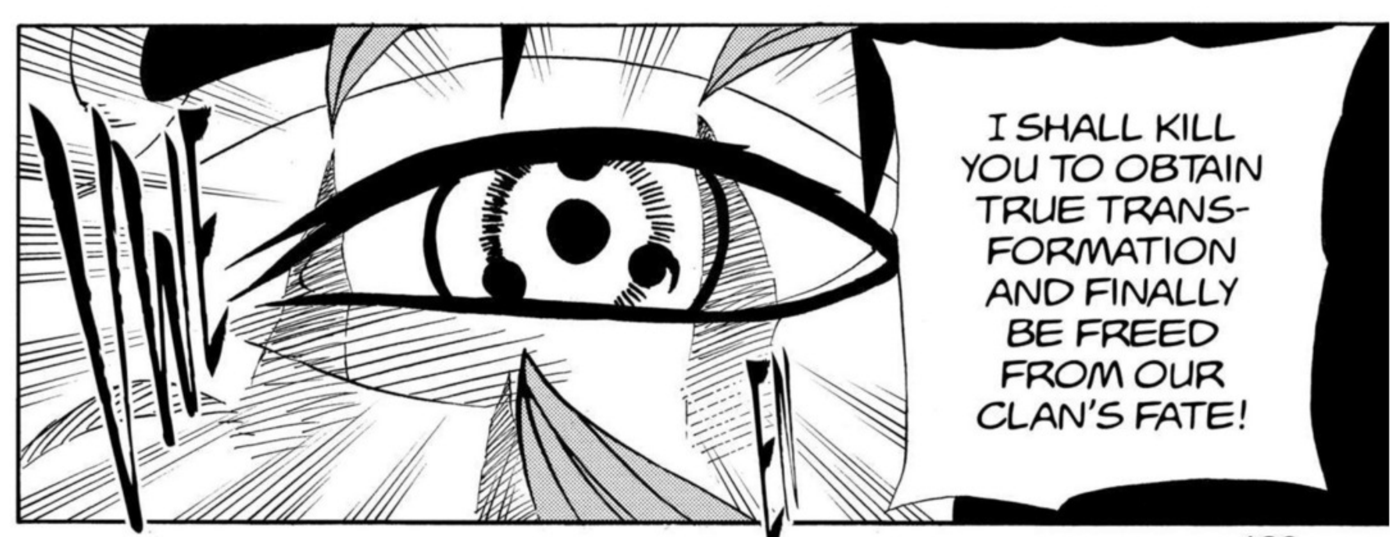

!
FRRRRLL


WE ARE OF A DEFILED BLOOD-LINE THAT HAS FLAUNTED ITS STRENGTH IN SUCH A MANNER THROUGH-OUT THE AGES!!


AND FROM THE TIME YOU WERE BORN INTO OUR CLAN...
...YOU TOO WERE ENTWINED IN ITS BLOOD-SOAKED DESTINY!!


NOW COME...
...MY LITTLE BROTHER!!

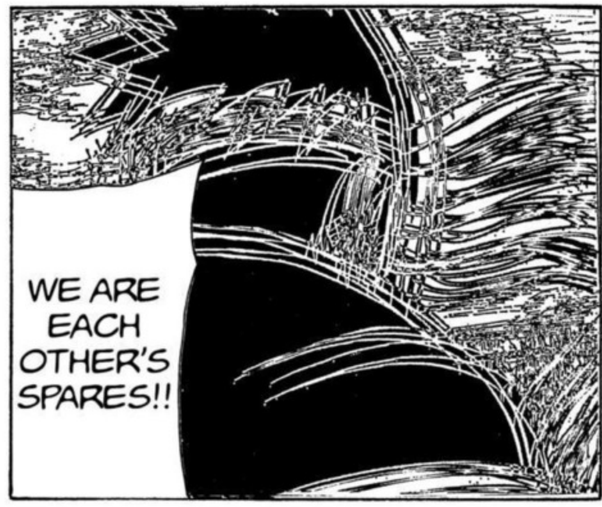



I SHALL KILL YOU TO OBTAIN TRUE TRANS-FORMATION AND FINALLY BE FREED FROM OUR CLAN'S FATE!


READ
THIS
WAY


BREAK LOOSE OF ALL RESTRICTIONS AND FREE MYSELF FROM MY OWN CAPACITY!


IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US.
I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE LIKE A WALL YOU NEED TO CLIMB OVER.


WE ARE EACH OTHER'S SPARES!!


YOU'VE ALWAYS HOPED TO SURPASS ME...
...SO I'LL LET YOU LIVE... FOR MY SAKE.

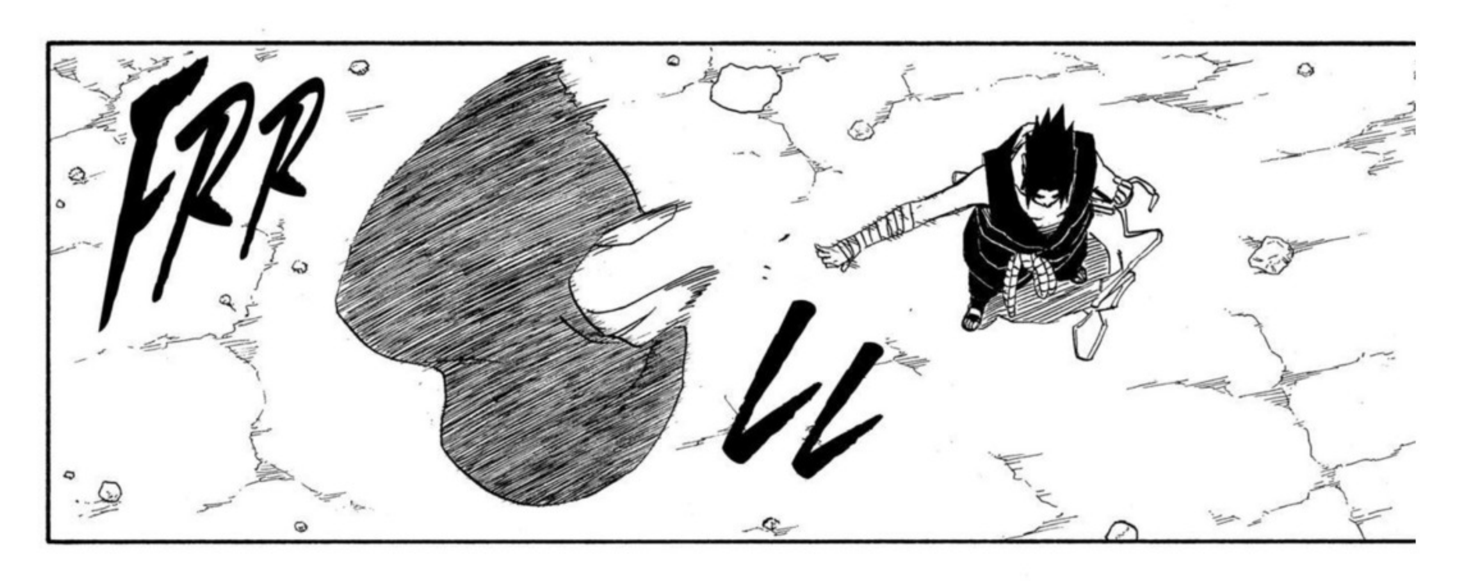

THIS IS THE TRUE BOND BETWEEN THE BROTHERS OF THE UCHIHA!!

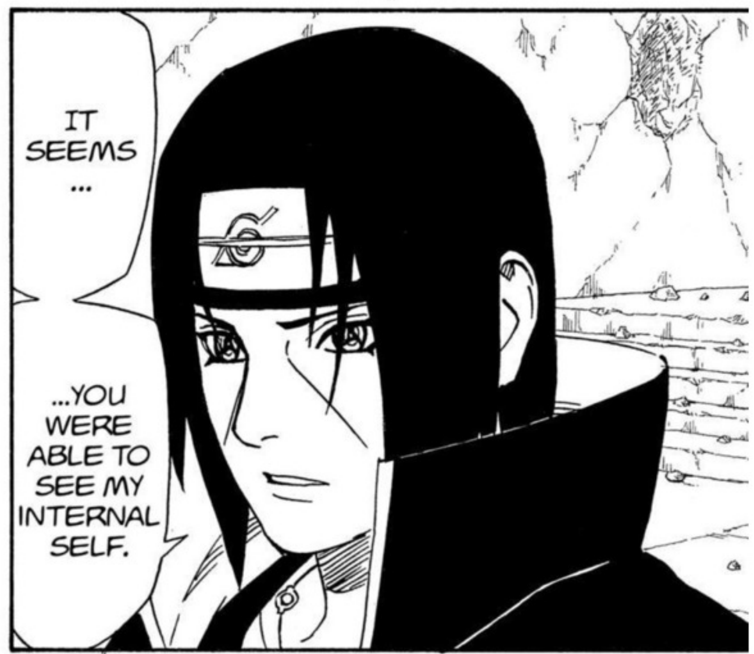





VRNNCH

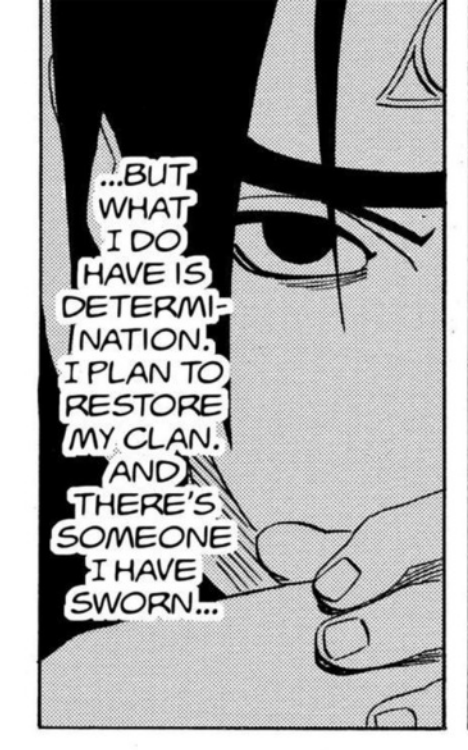


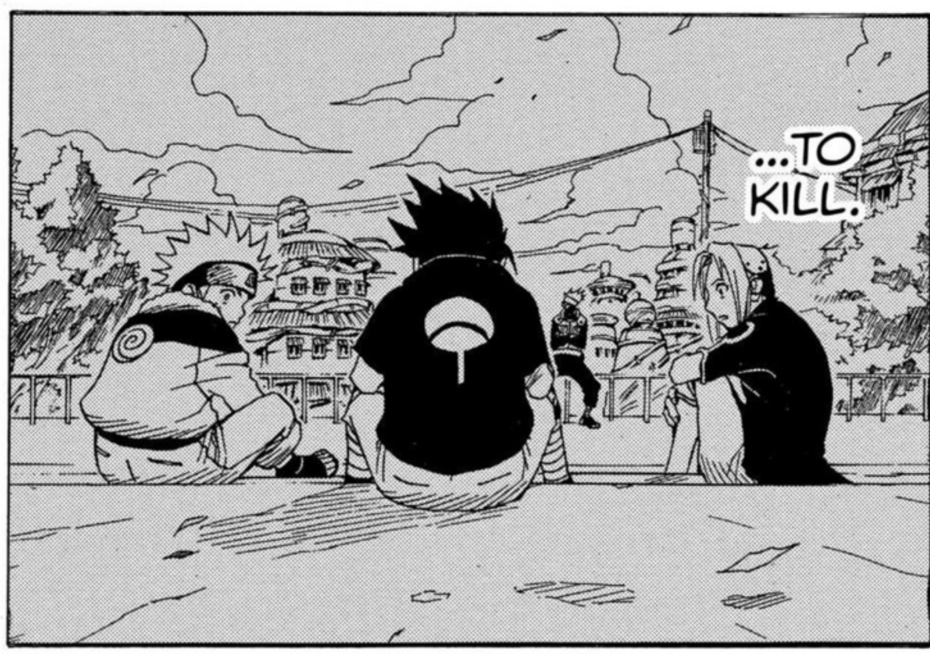

FRR
LL


IT SEEMS ...
...YOU WERE ABLE TO SEE MY INTERNAL SELF.


SO IT WAS ALL FOR THIS, EH...


MY NAME IS UCHIHA SASUKE. THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS I HATE, BUT I DON'T SEE THAT IT MATTERS, CONSIDERING THERE IS ALMOST NOTHING I DO LIKE.
IT SEEMS POINTLESS TO TALK ABOUT "DREAMS" ...THAT'S JUST A WORD...


...BUT WHAT I DO HAVE IS DETERMI-NATION. I PLAN TO RESTORE MY CLAN. AND THERE'S SOMEONE I HAVE SWORN...

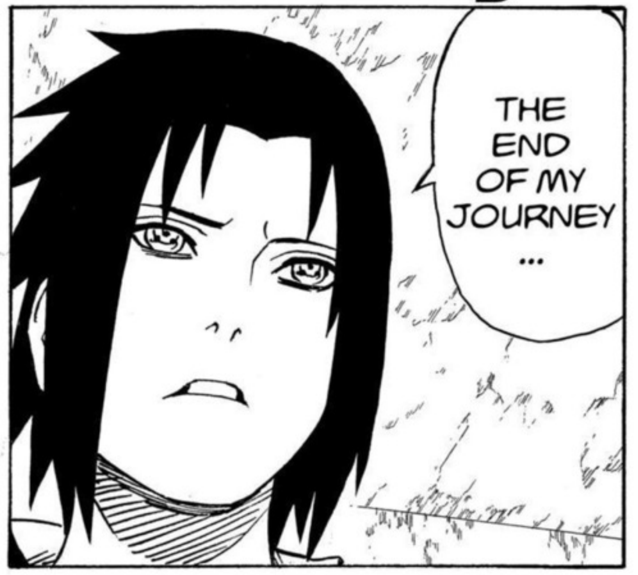

...TO KILL.

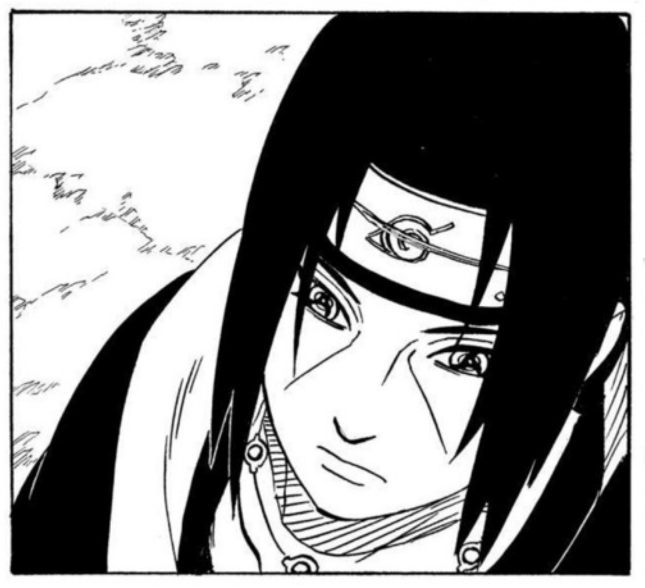


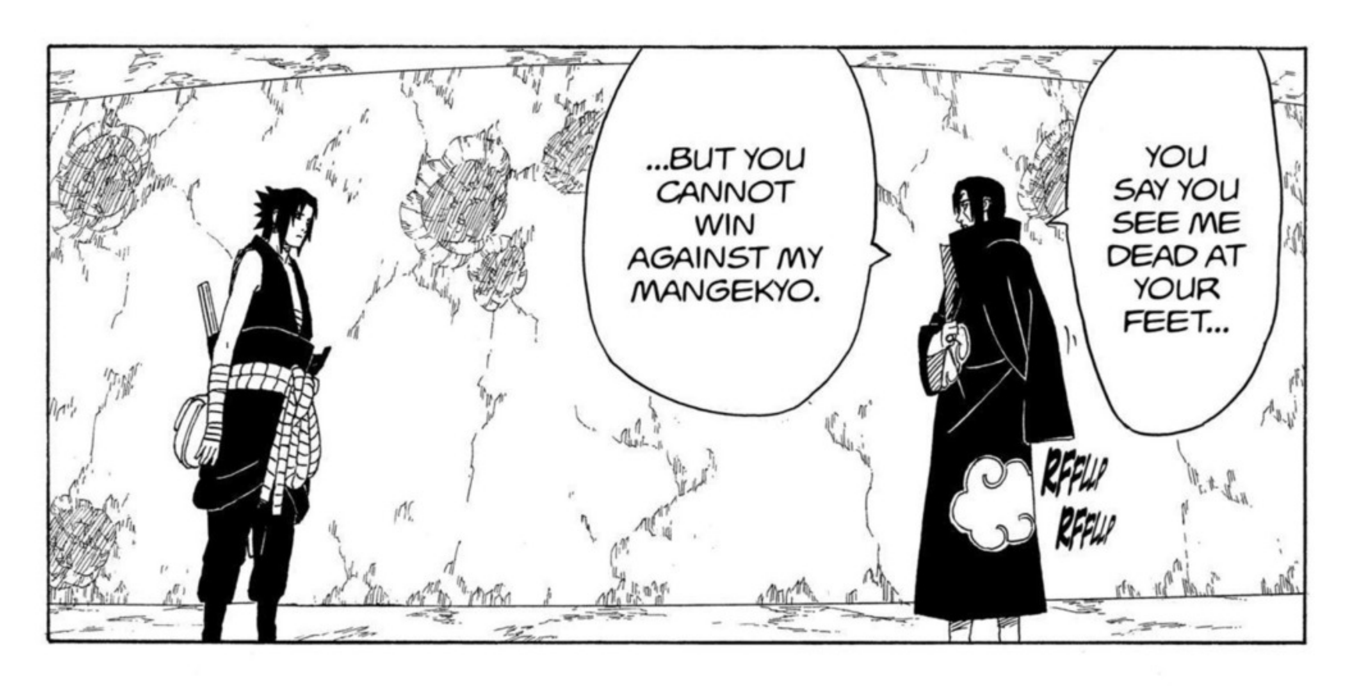

I'VE FINALLY ...
...ARRIVED.


NARUTO

Number 387: Reality...!!









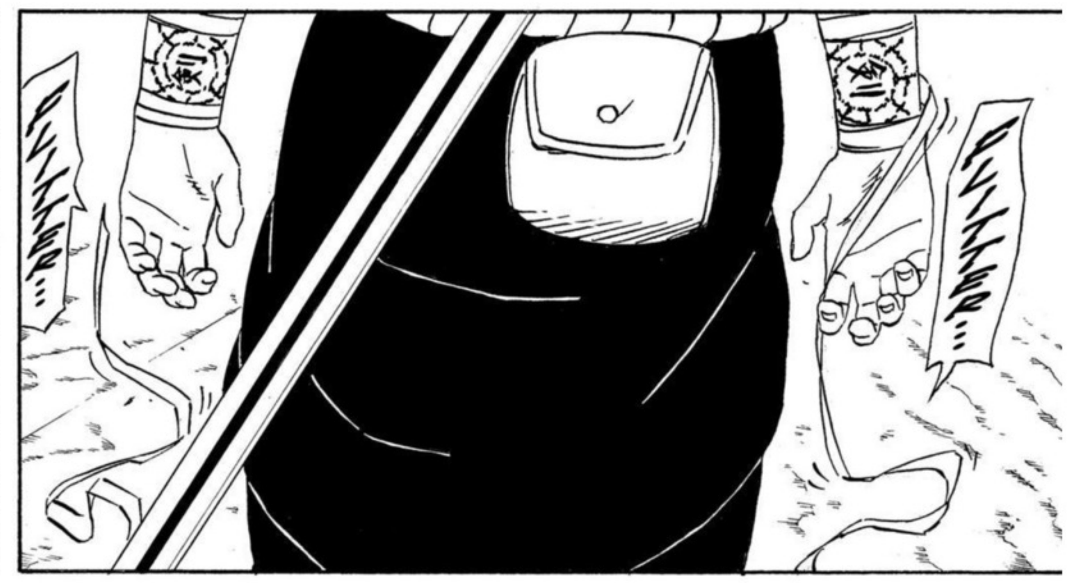


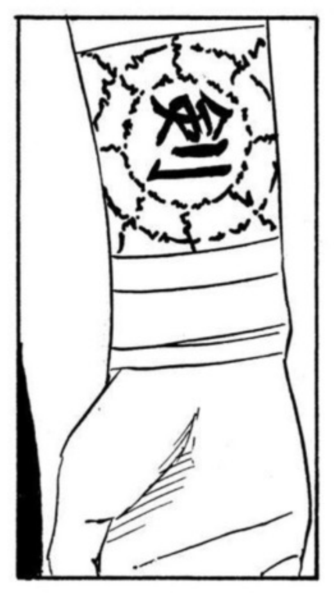
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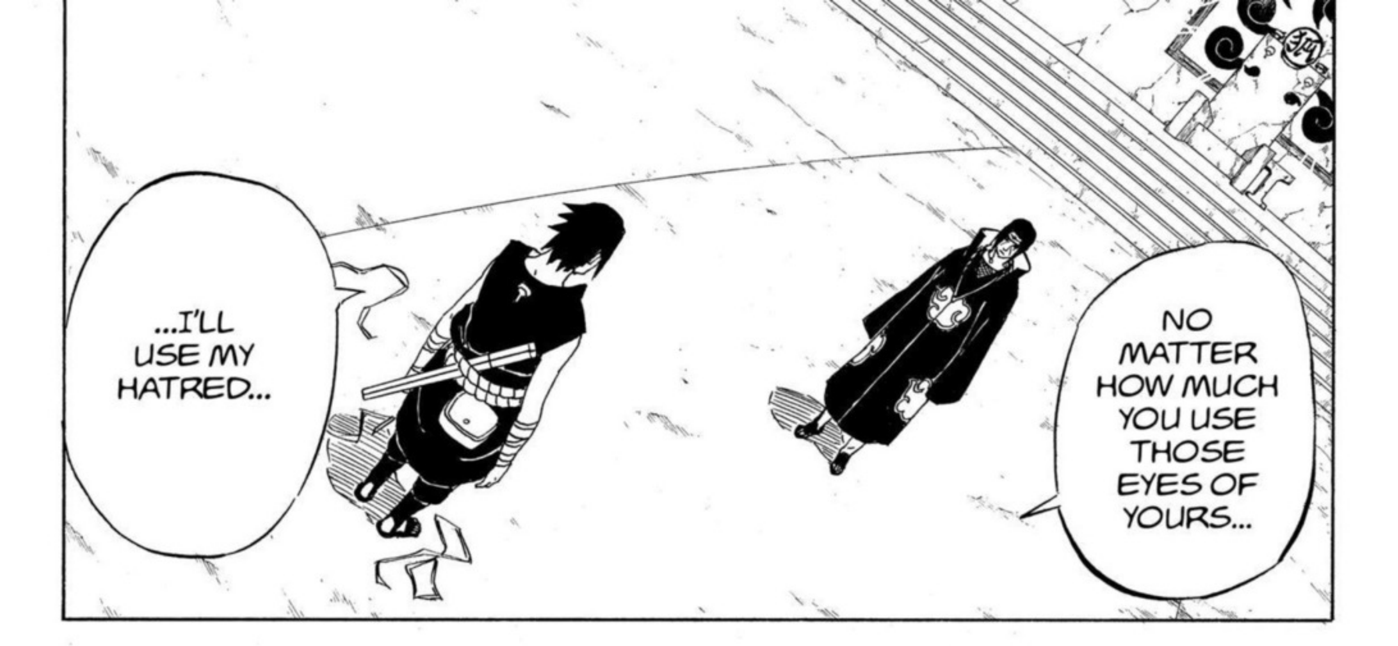
WRRL...











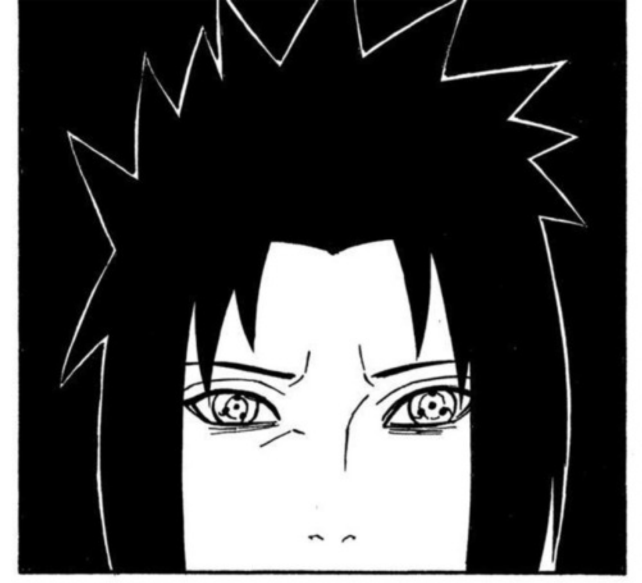
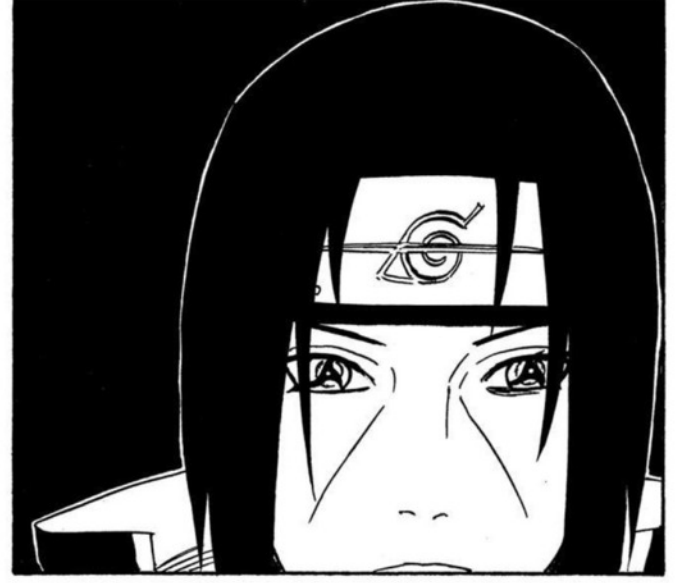




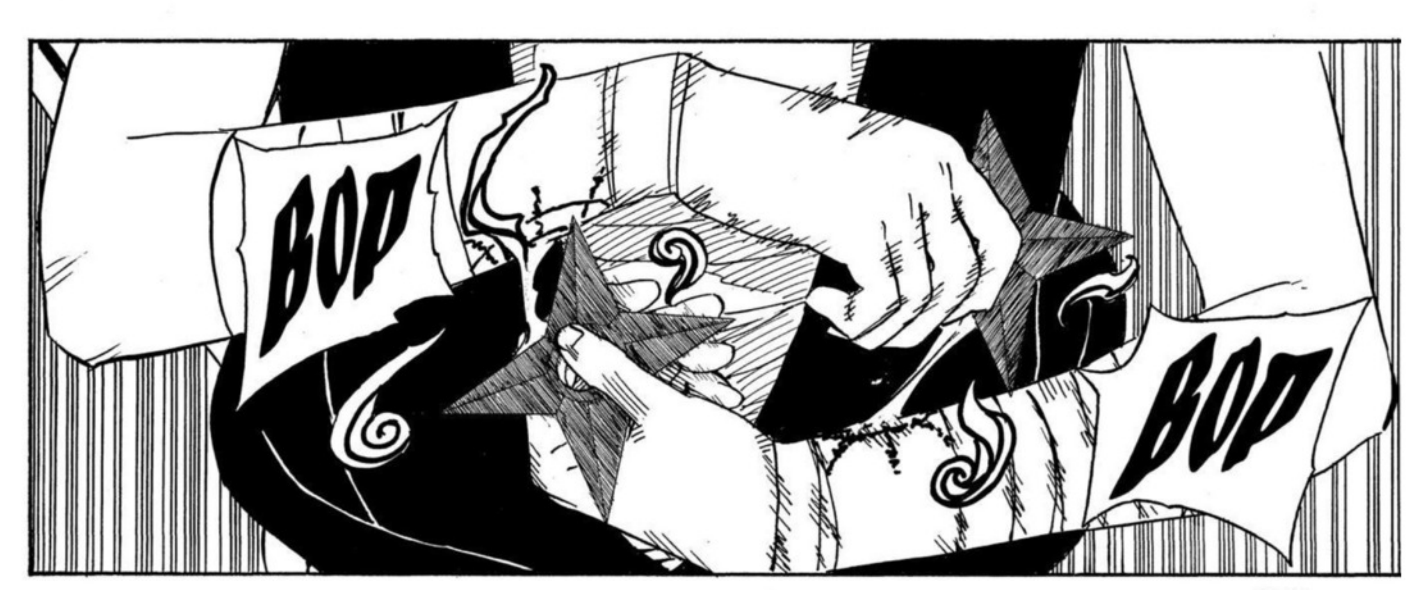
AND YOUR REALITY...

PLIP

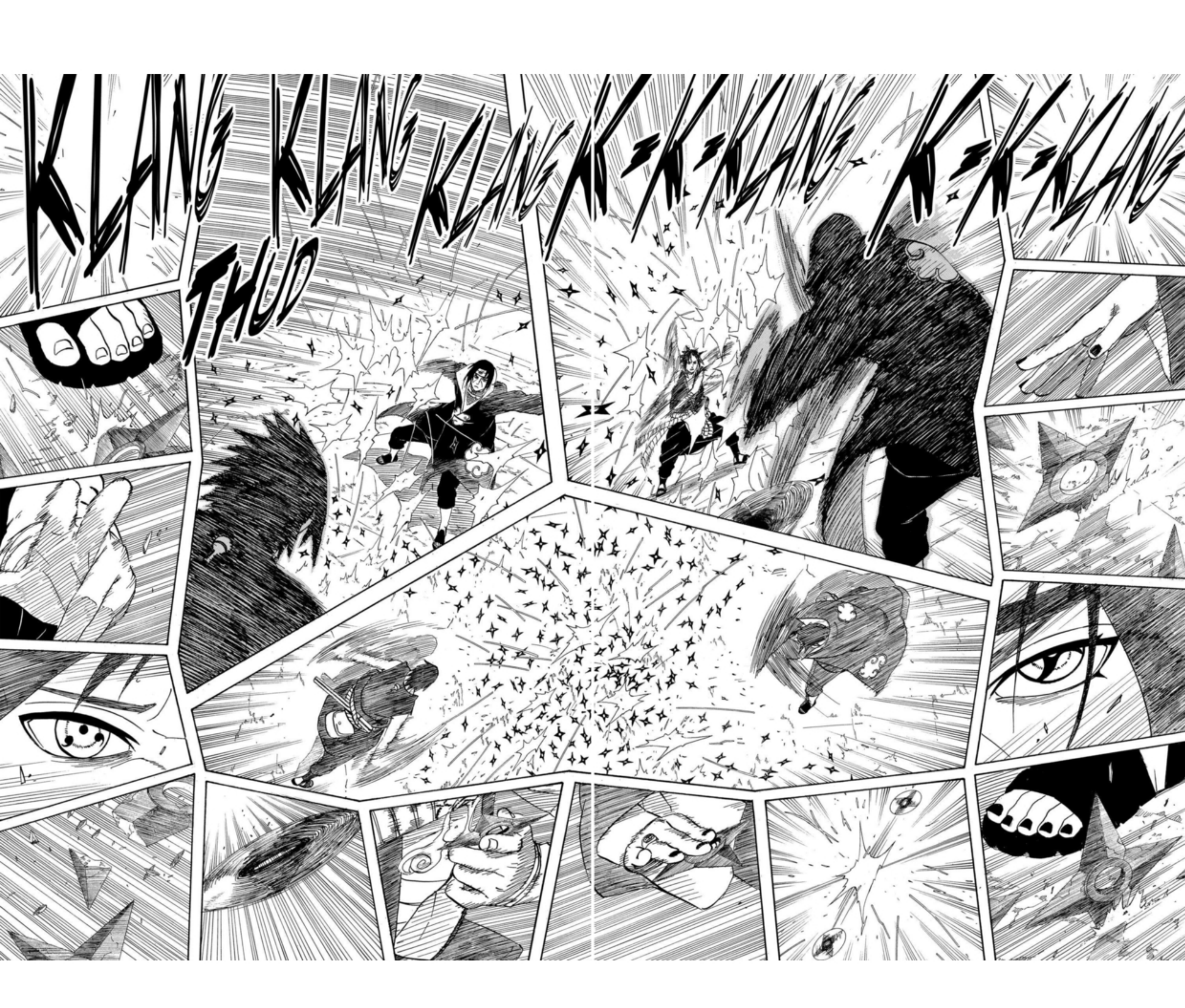
...IS DEATH.



TUP
FSH
TUP

BOP
BOP


KLI NK
KA CHINK
KLA NG
KA CHINK


K-K-K-KLANG
K-K-K-KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
THUD


SHUP


VRR
NCH





!!

HE WAS ABLE TO WEAVE SIGNS FOR A SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER ...!

SWISH

BLORP

ZWOO


THUCK THUCK THUCK
FRRRL
LA
SH
FLASSH
!
TMD

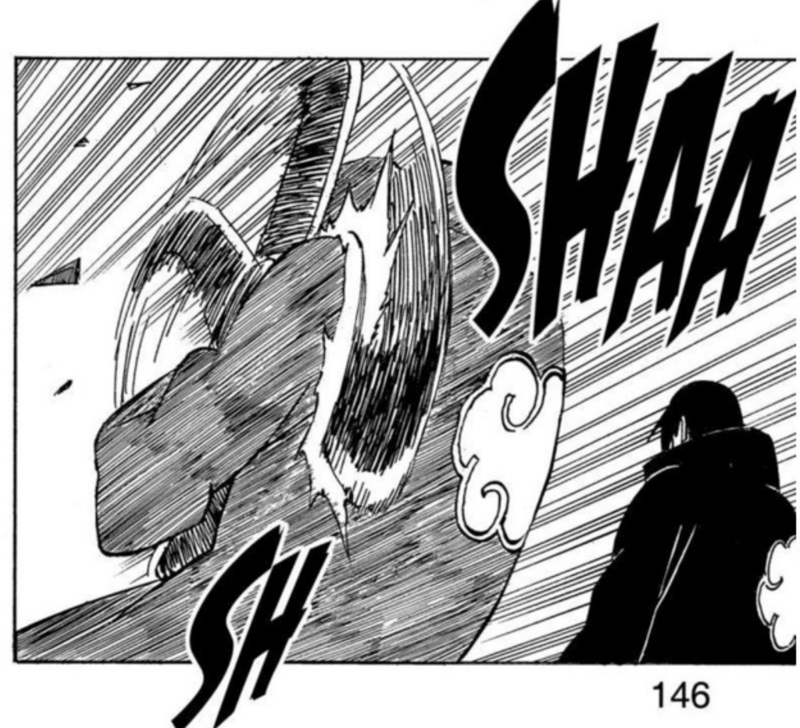



KLIA
NUT

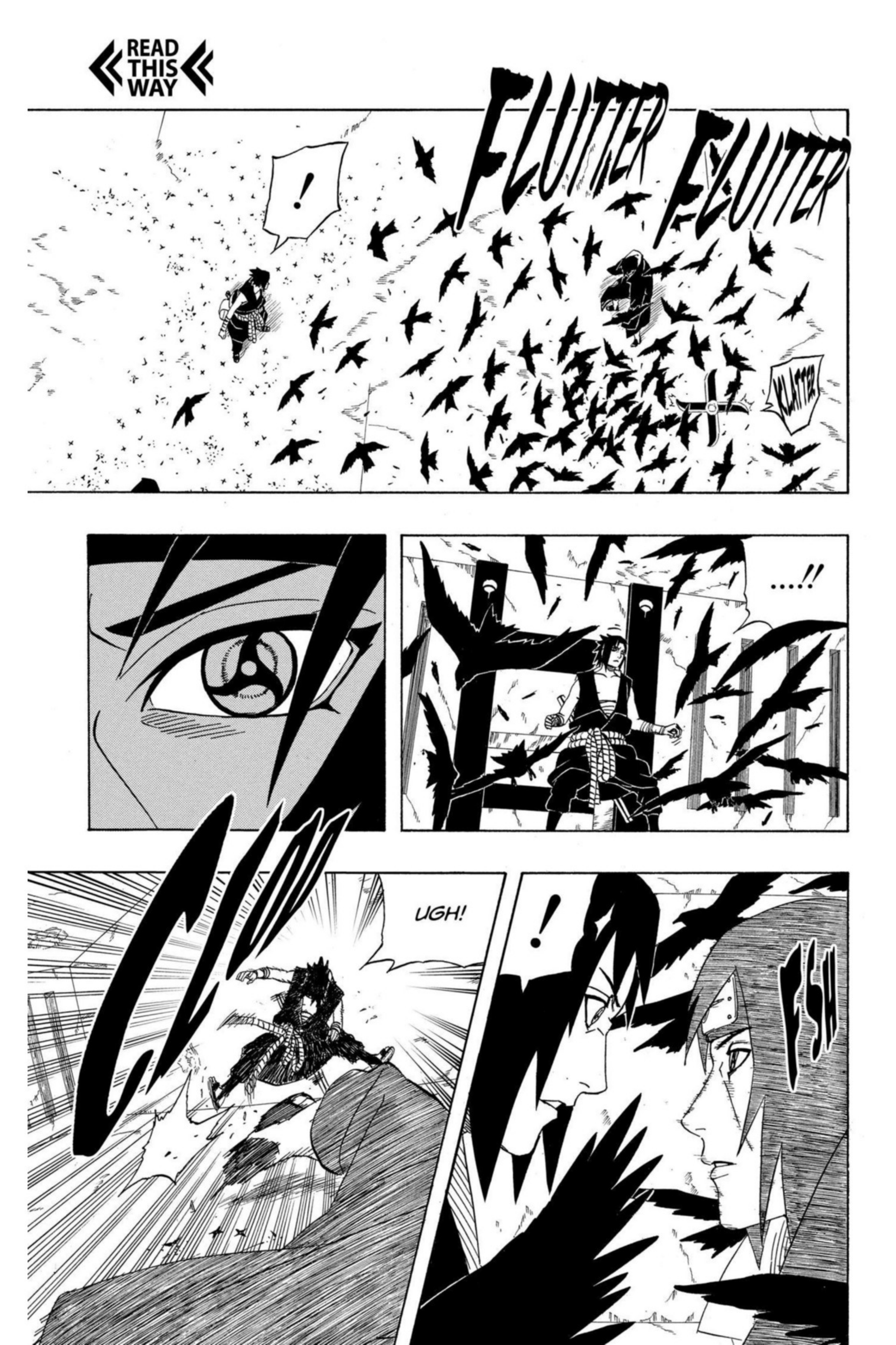



CHW CHW CHW CHW




SHAA
SH


YOU RAN THE CHIDORI THROUGH ...!
FLAP-FLAP


READ THIS WAY
FLUTTER FLUTTER
KLATTER
!
....!!
FSH
!
UGH!


BWAM
GAH!!
WH
AP
CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP
UNH.
THUNK
WHACK
TA
UGH!!
THOMP

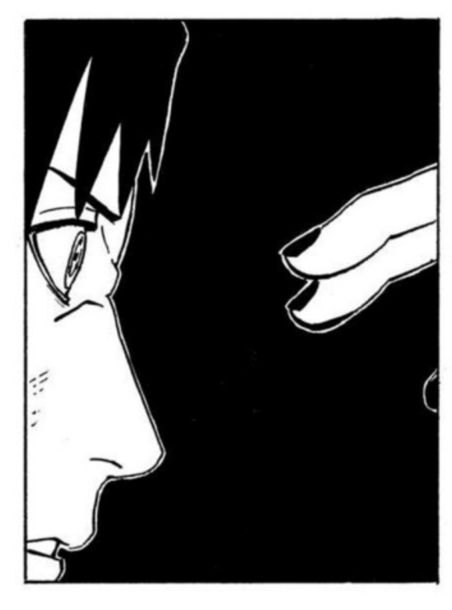

READ THIS WAY


UGH... HACK.


HUF
HUF

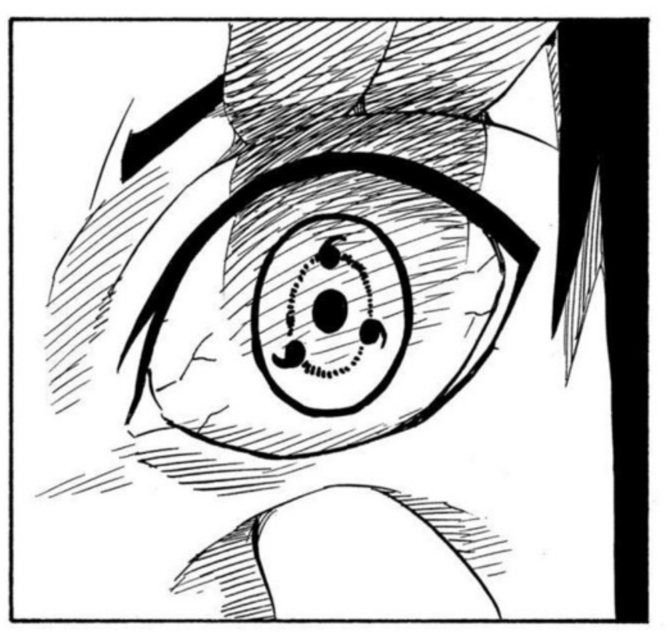

SSH


FSH...




...FORGIVE ME, SASUKE...


GLOMP...



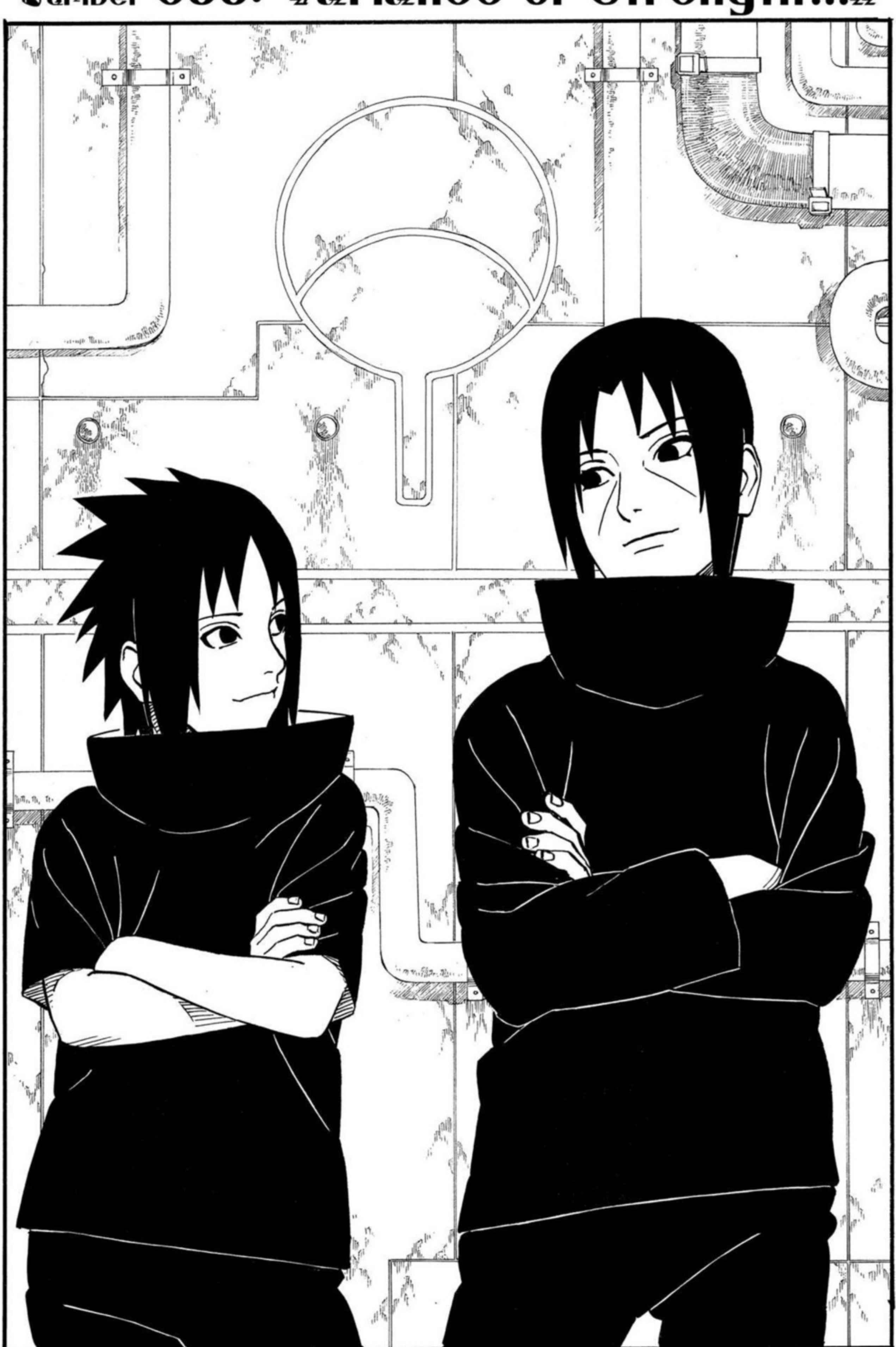

THIS IS MY REALITY...


...GIVE ME YOUR LIGHT!
FSHUK

AAARGH!!



Number 388: Variance of Strength...!!



AAARGH!!



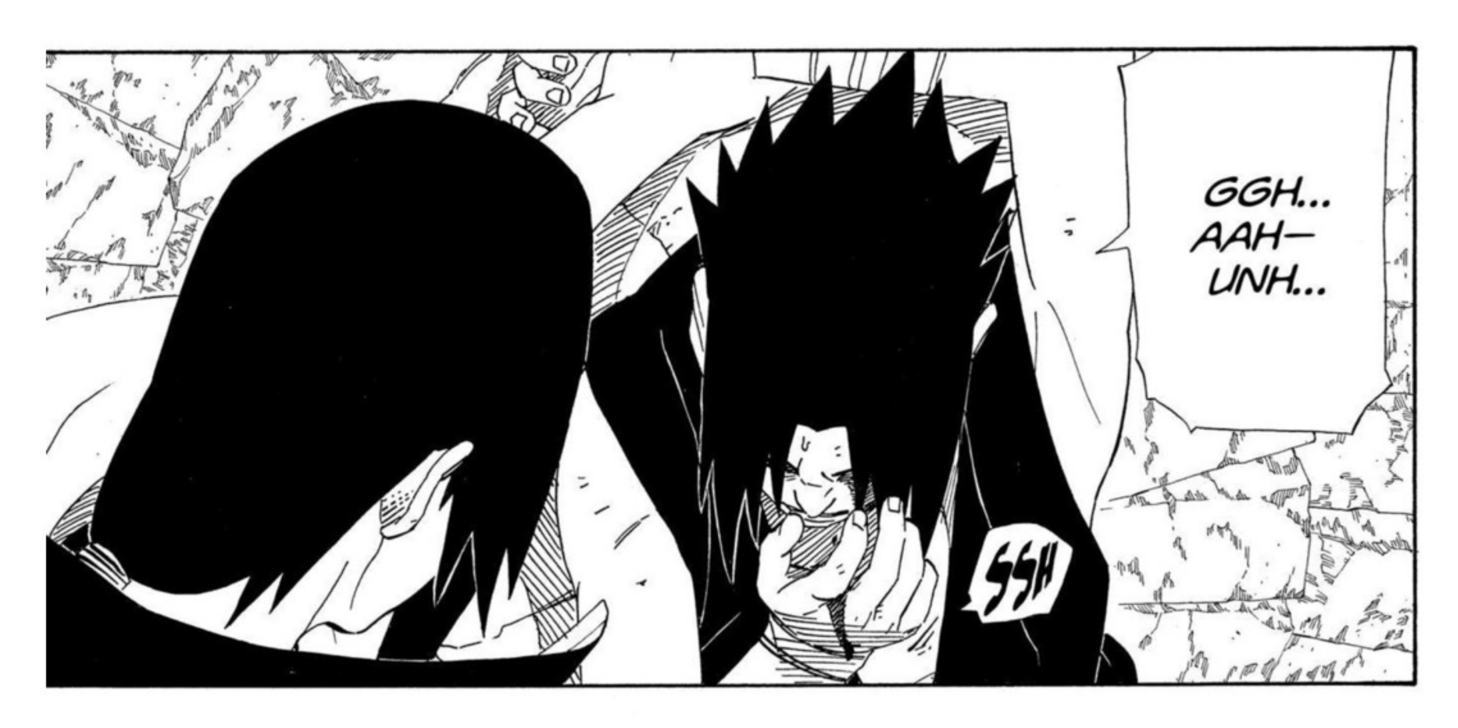




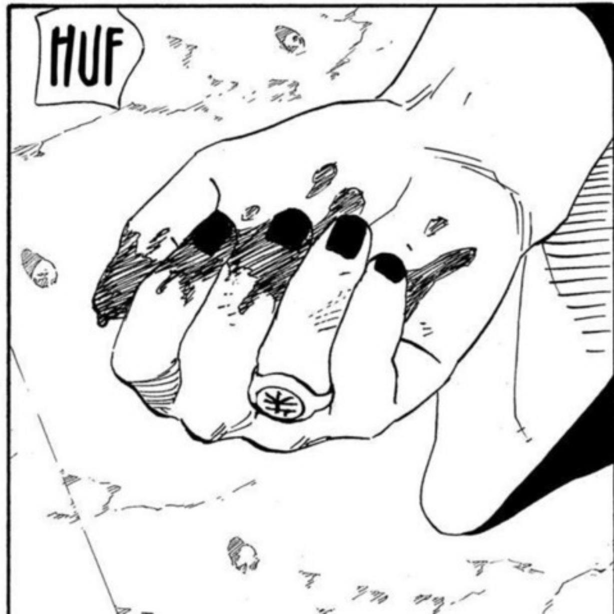
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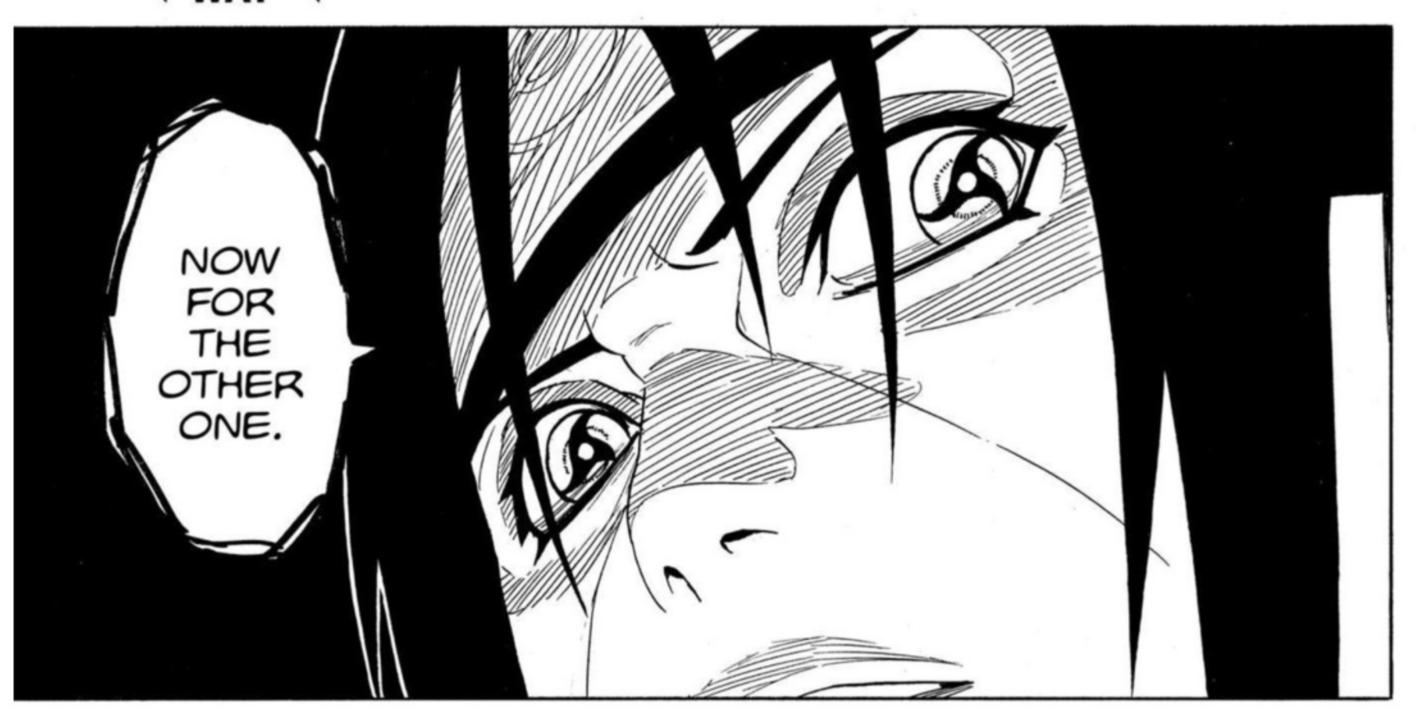







HUF
HUF





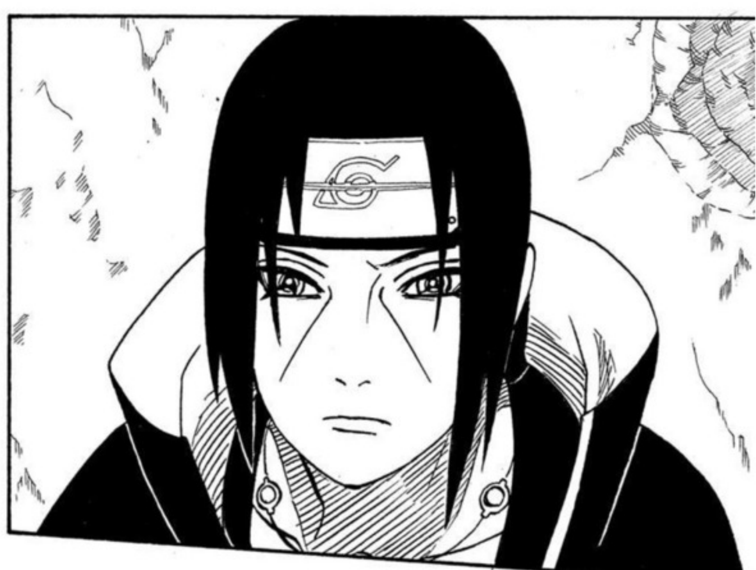
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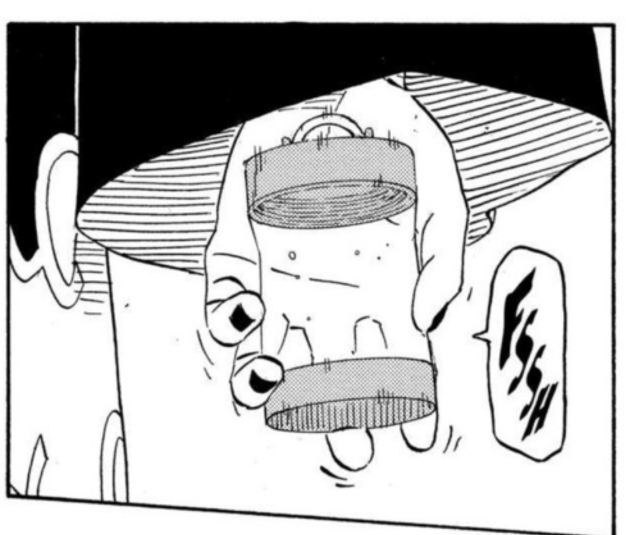
ZWOO...

U-UNNH...!

HUF

HUF



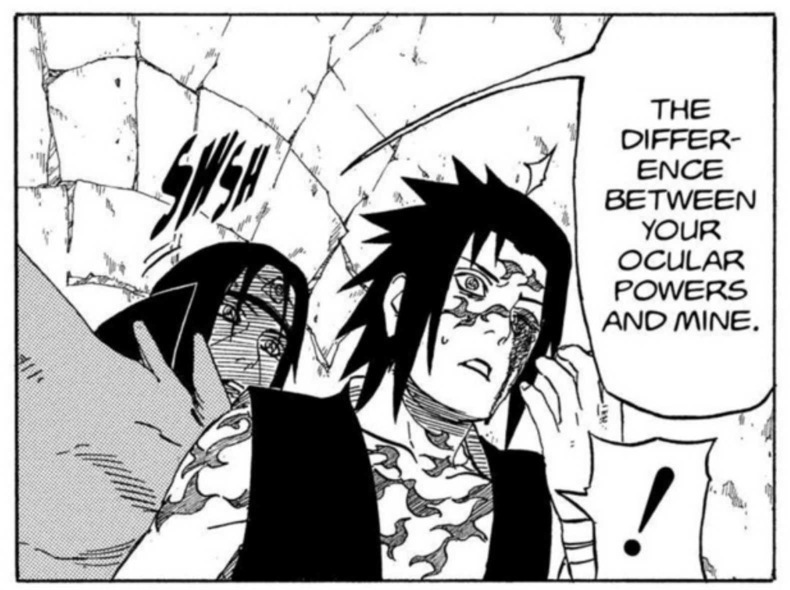







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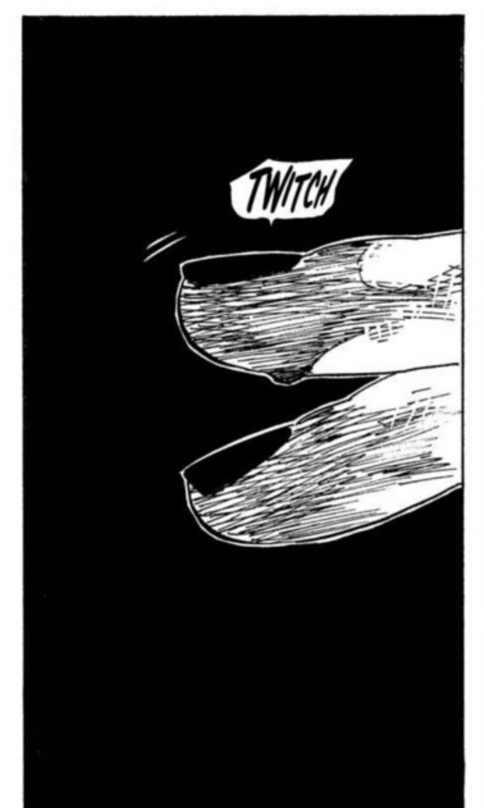

THIS IS THE VARIANCE IN OUR STRENGTHS.
VWEENCH


THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR OCULAR POWERS AND MINE.
SWSH
!


VRNNCH
UGH!




FSH...


TWITCH

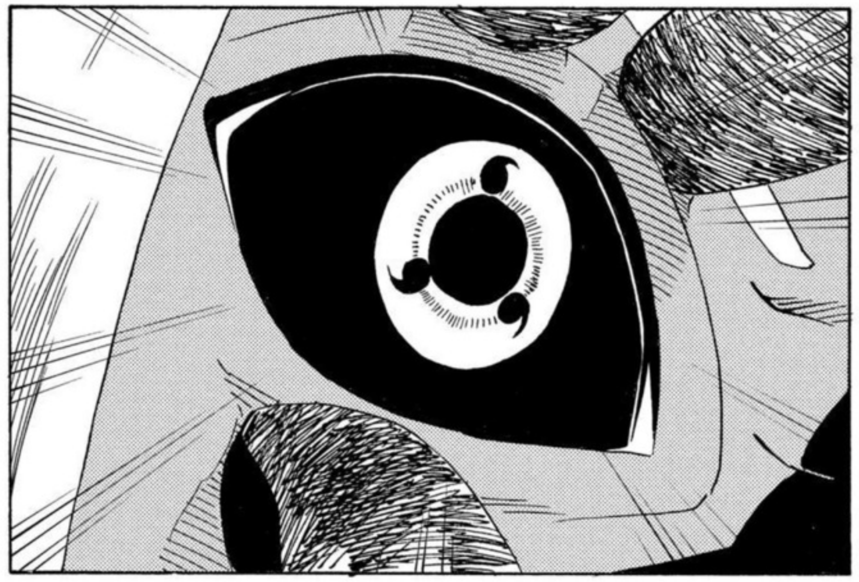
FSH


GLOMP


ZWOO

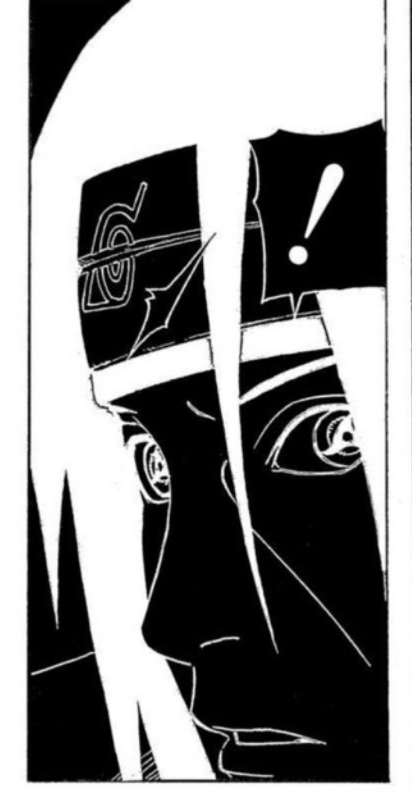

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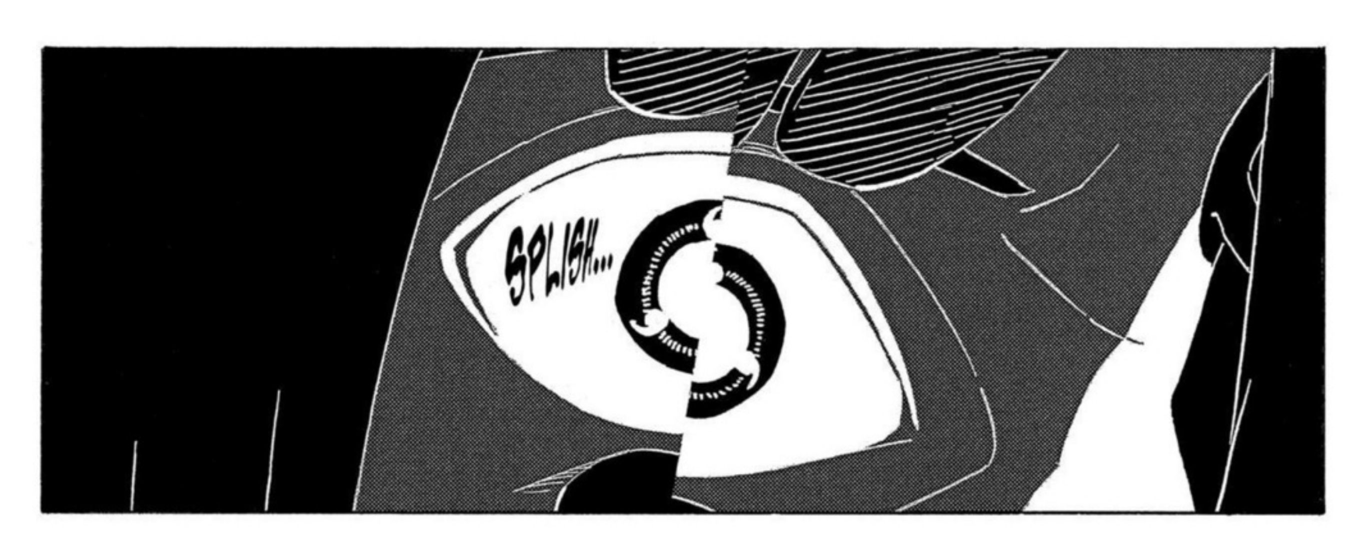
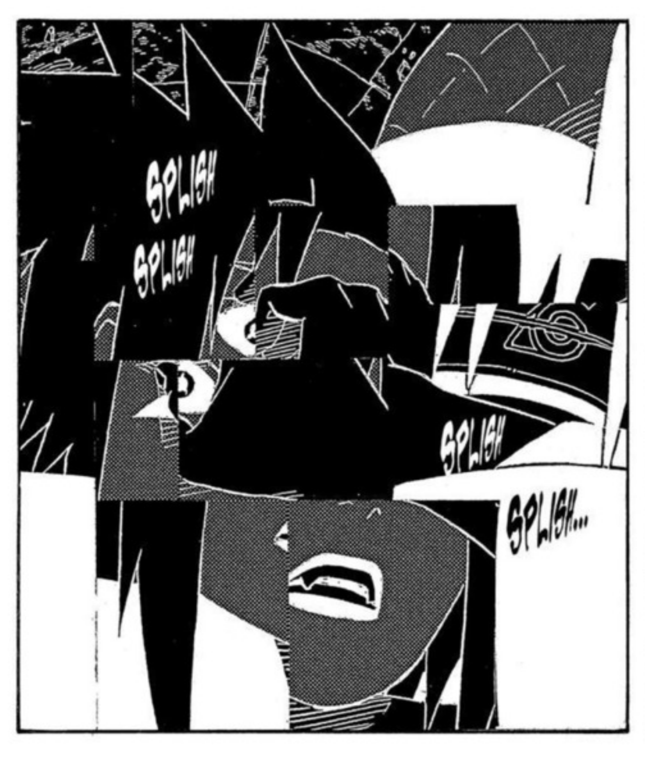

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RRRRROAR!!!

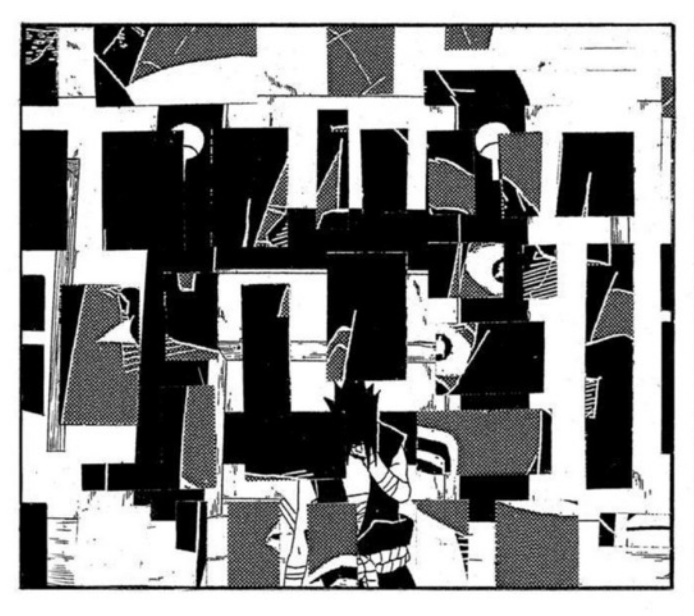
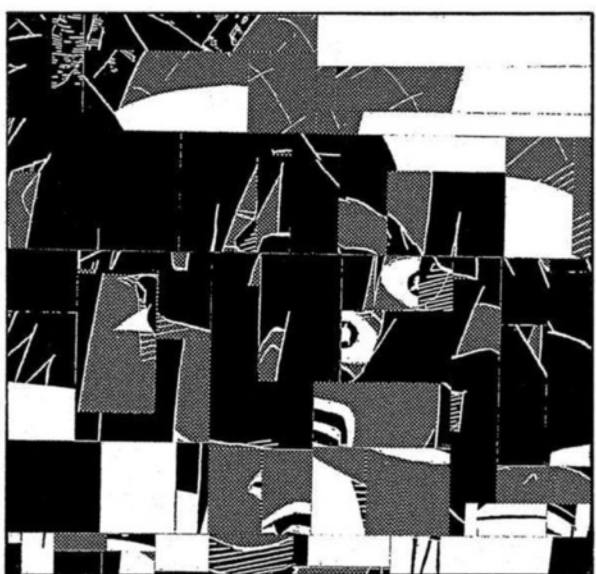

ZWOOO

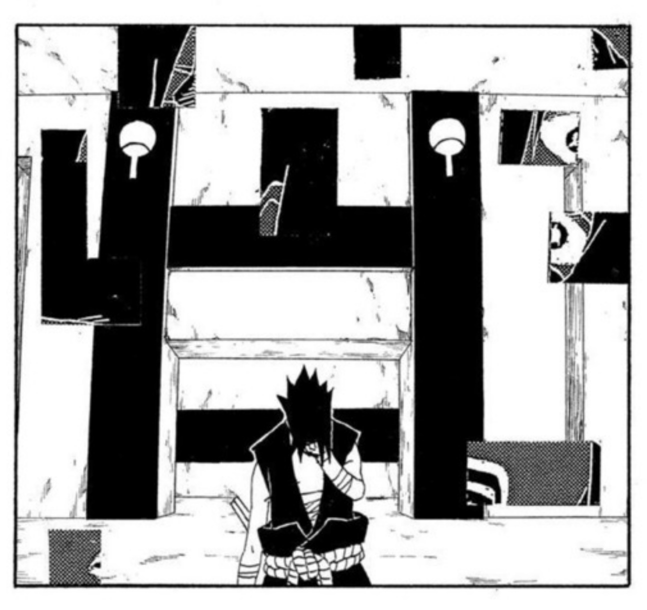

!


SPLISH...

SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH...

SPLISH
SPLISH



HUF
SSH


HUF
HUF






READ
THIS
WAY


THAT WAS FAST. ITACHI'S WON.

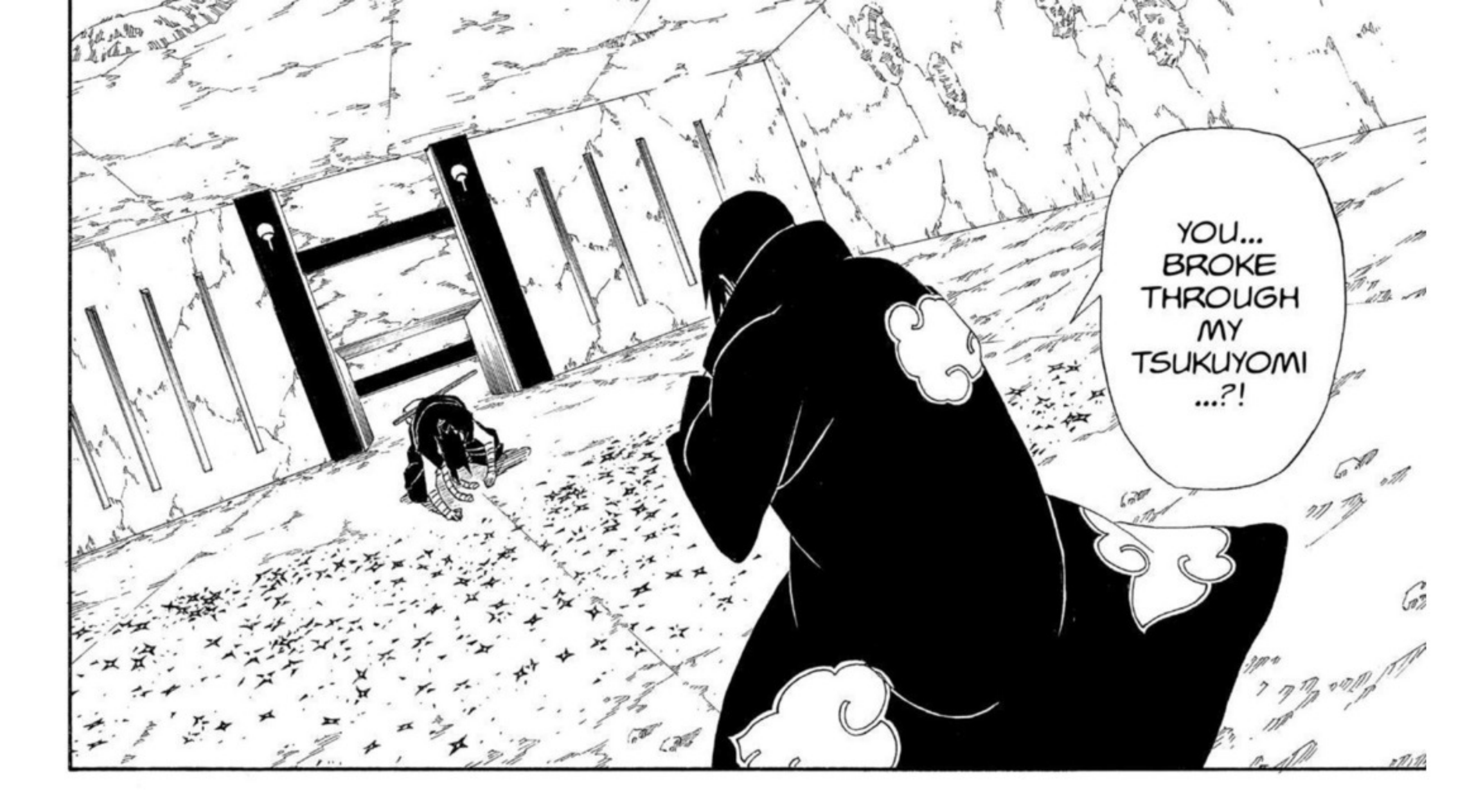

HOW CAN YOU TELL?


SASUKE'S IN THE TSUKUYOMI.
HE'S PARALYZED. ITACHI CAN DO WHAT-EVER HE WANTS..


F DUNT
KLUNK

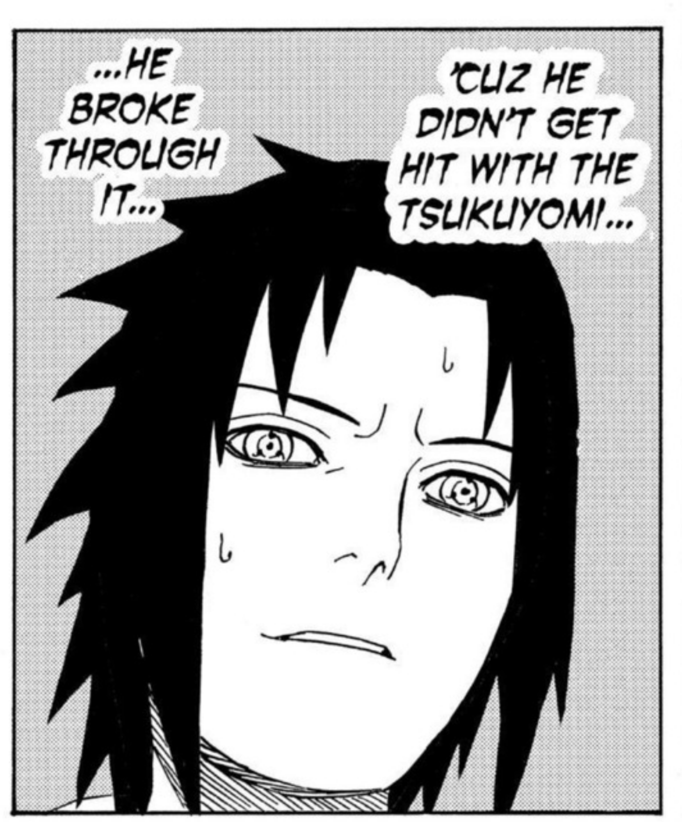

!
HUH?



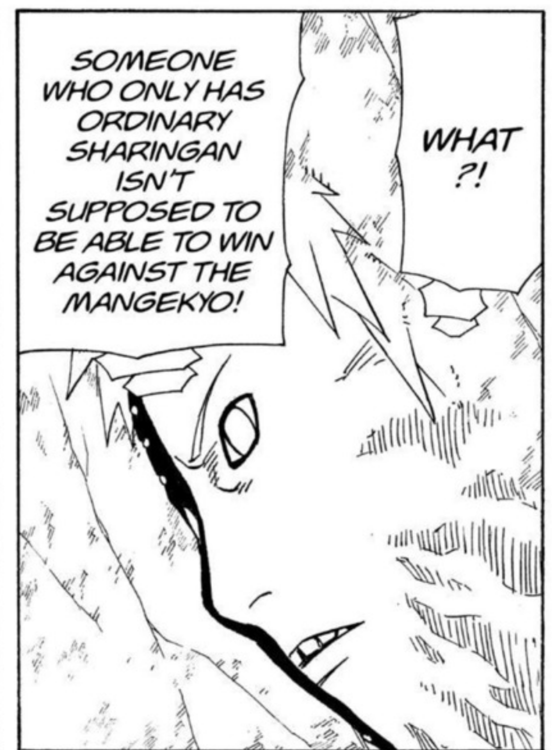

YOU... BROKE THROUGH MY TSUKUYOMI ...?!


HUF
FSH...
HUF

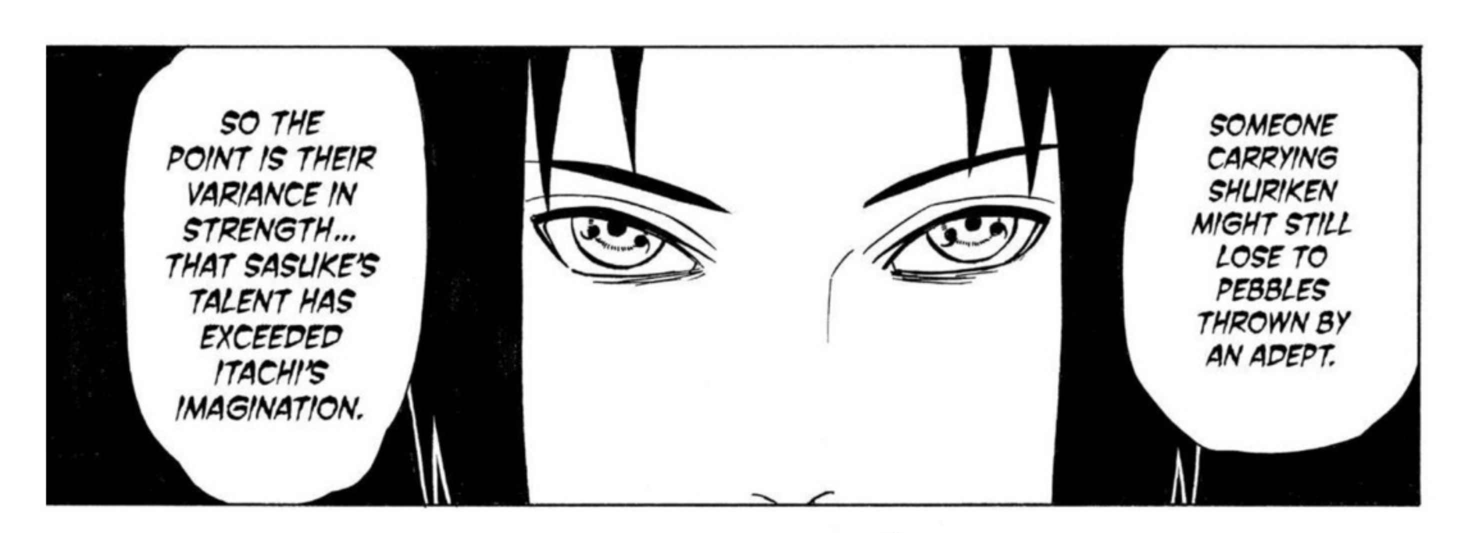

HUHH ?
HOW COME SASUKE ISN'T DOWN FOR THE COUNT?


'CUZ HE DIDN'T GET HIT WITH THE TSUKUYOMI...
...HE BROKE THROUGH IT...


READ
THIS
WAY


WHAT ?!
SOMEONE WHO ONLY HAS ORDINARY SHARINGAN ISN'T SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST THE MANGEKYO!

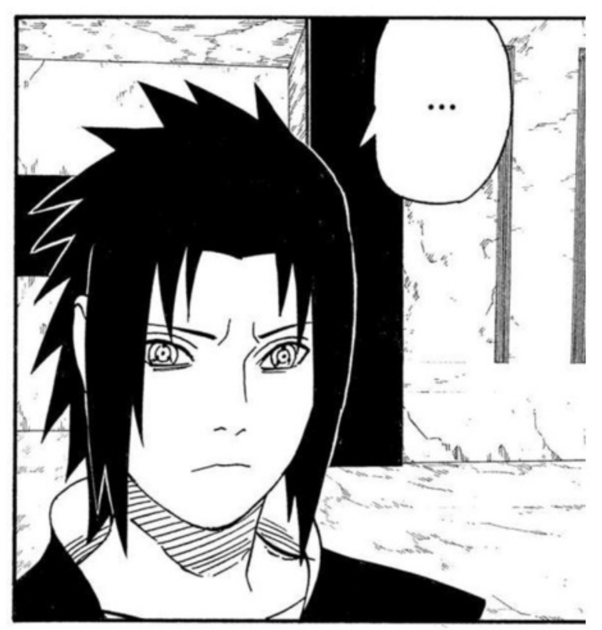

THE ORDINARY SHARINGAN IS STILL A WEAPON.
AND A WEAPON CAN BE EITHER STRONG OR WEAK DEPENDING ON THE ABILITY OF THE PERSON WIELDING IT.

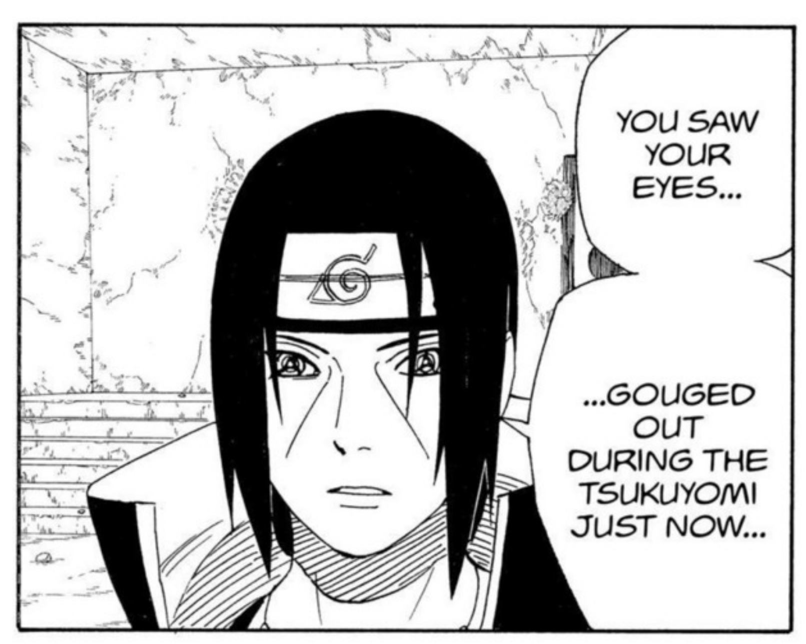

SOMEONE CARRYING SHURIKEN MIGHT STILL LOSE TO PEBBLES THROWN BY AN ADEPT.
SO THE POINT IS THEIR VARIANCE IN STRENGTH... THAT SASUKE'S TALENT HAS EXCEEDED ITACHI'S IMAGINATION.

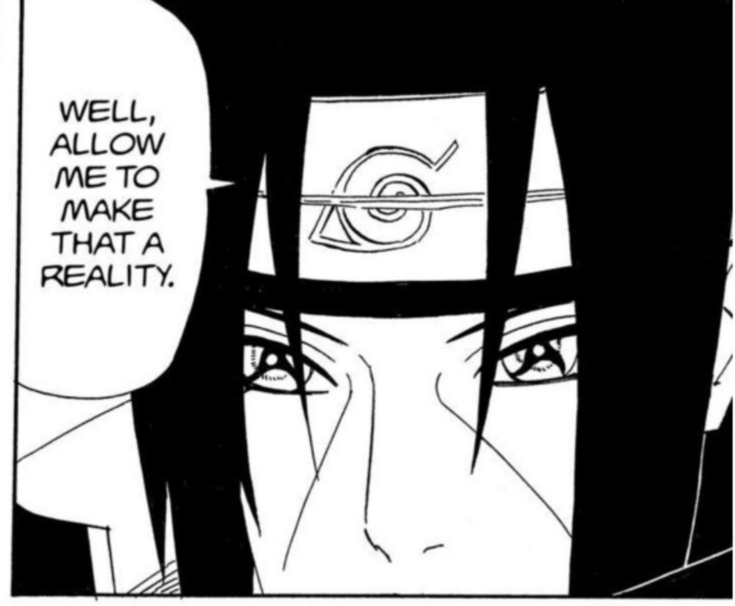

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU USE THOSE EYES OF YOURS...
...I'LL USE MY HATRED TO TURN FANTASY INTO REALITY!

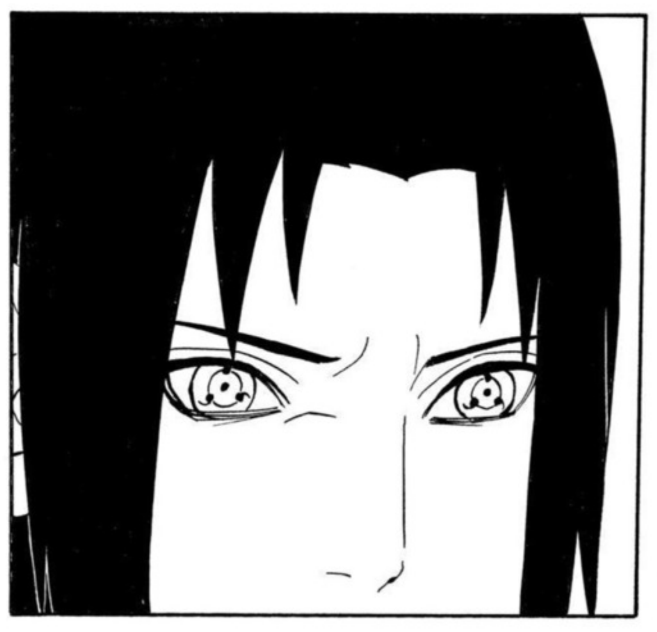

HEH...
TURN FANTASY INTO REALITY... EH.
FSH


THEN LET ME THROW THOSE WORDS... RIGHT BACK AT YOU.


...


YOU SAW YOUR EYES...
...GOUGED OUT DURING THE TSUKUYOMI JUST NOW...

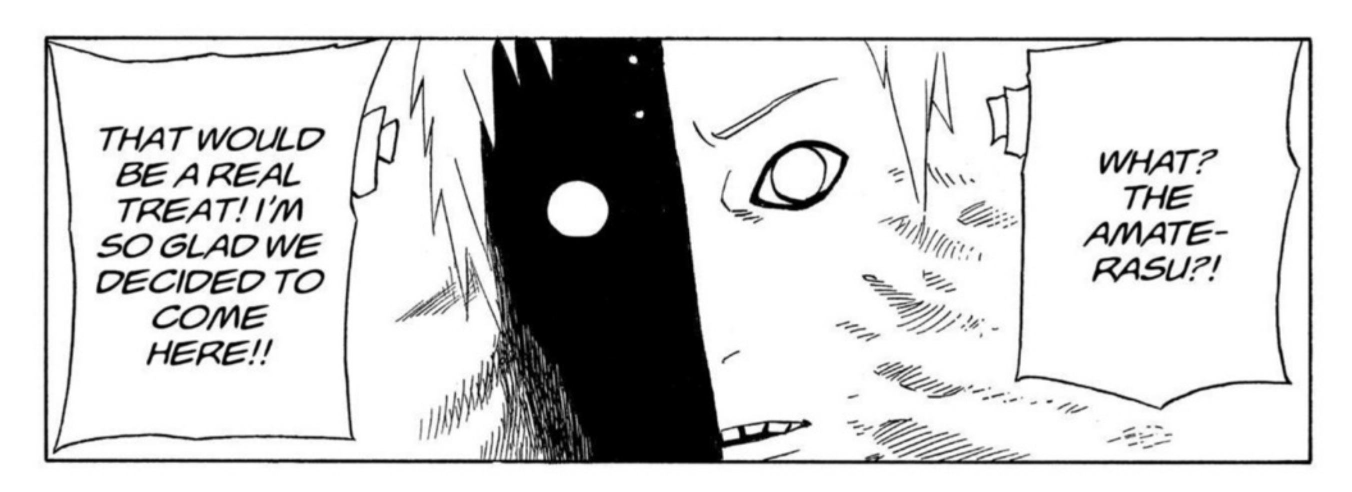

WELL, ALLOW ME TO MAKE THAT A REALITY.




READ
THIS
WAY


THE AIR AROUND ITACHI HAS SHIFTED.
!
IT SEEMS HE'S FINALLY GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS... WHICH MEANS...


...WE MIGHT GET TO SEE THE AMATERASU.

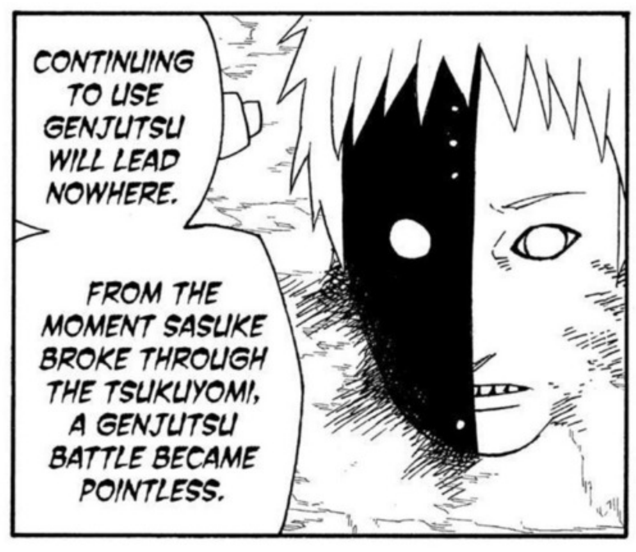

WHAT? THE AMATE-RASU?!
THAT WOULD BE A REAL TREAT! I'M SO GLAD WE DECIDED TO COME HERE!!


FW
P...

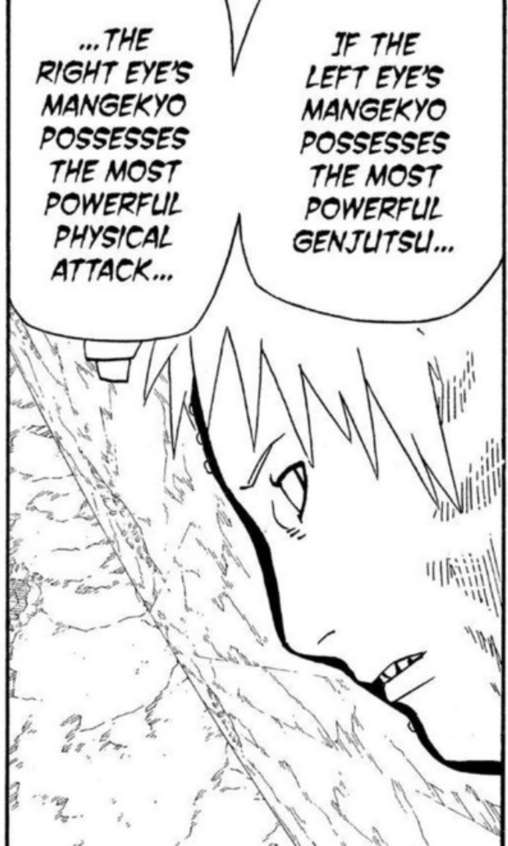

NARUTO

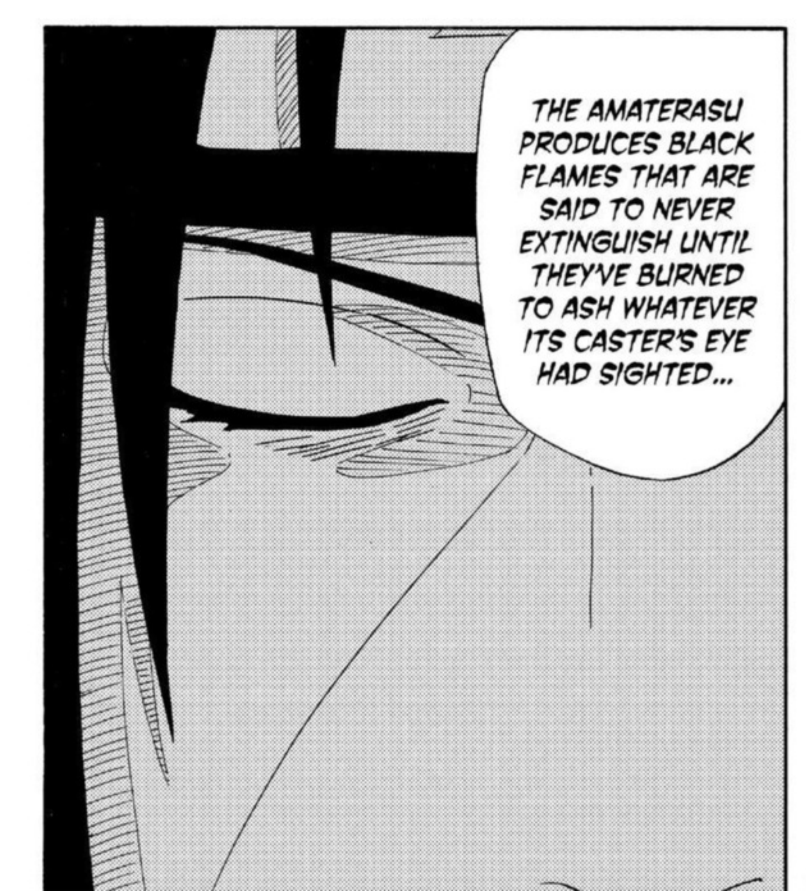
Number 389: Sasuke's Flow!!



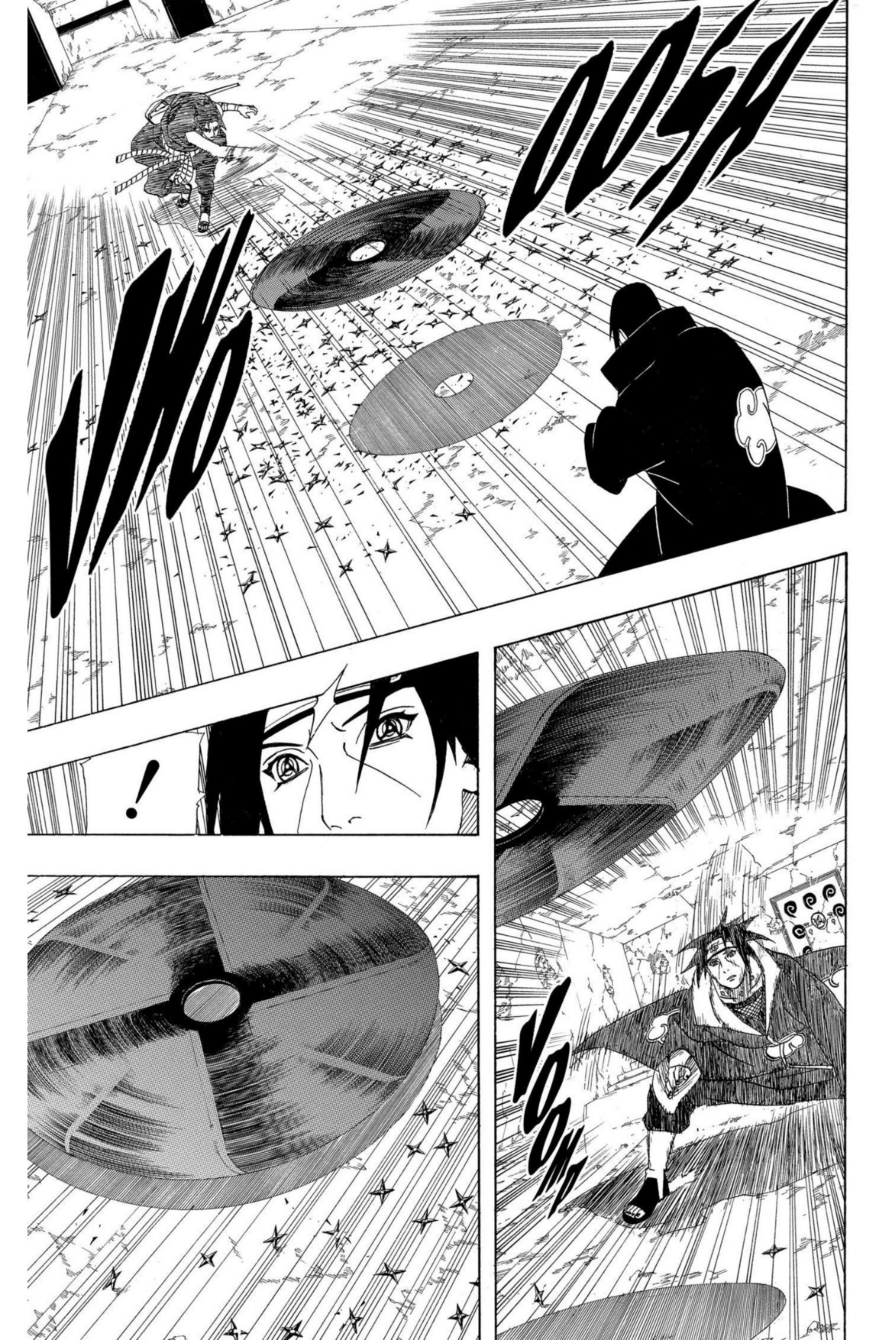









FSH
FWP FWP
IS THIS IT, THE AMATE-RASU?!
FSH
BOOM
HOW QUICK! HE'S PLANNING TO NOT LET ITACHI WEAVE SIGNS!

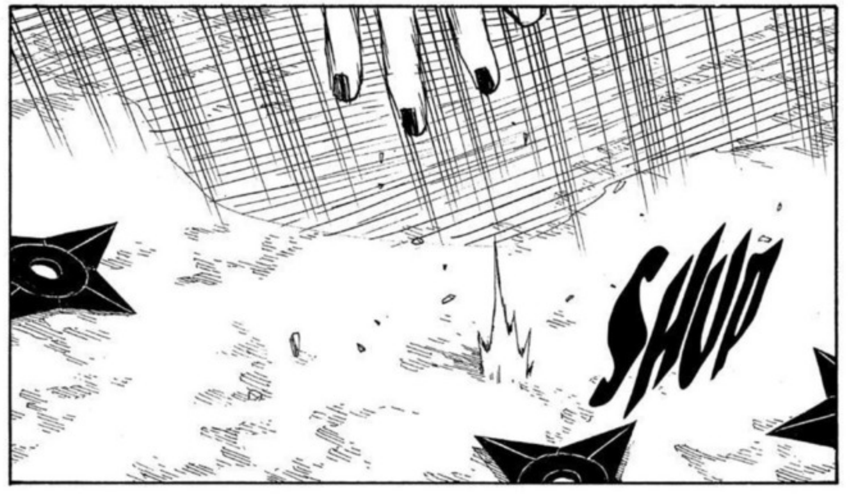

WHOOSH
VOOM
!

Number 389: Sasuke's Flow!!

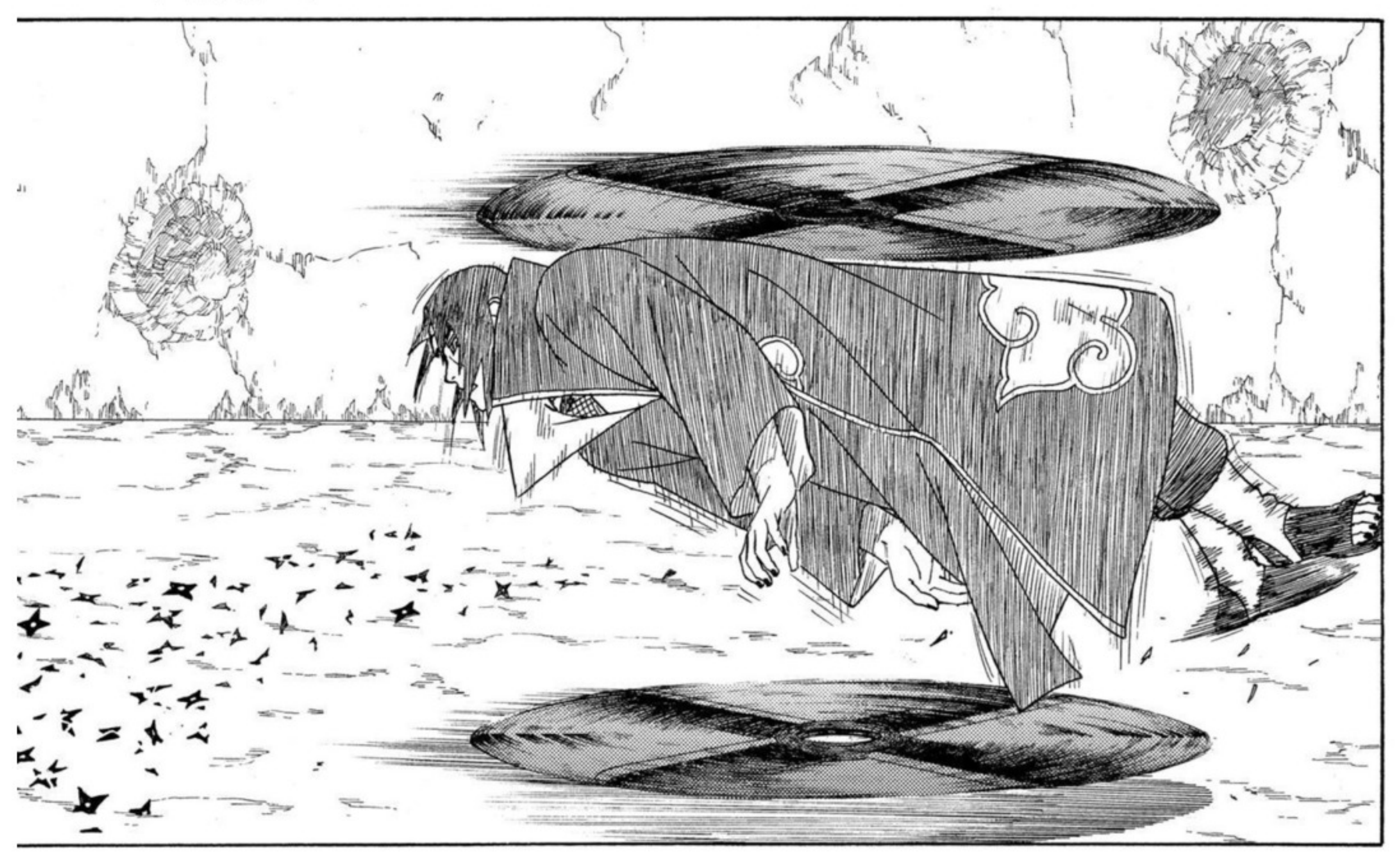
THIS IS THE ART OF THE SHADOW SHURIKEN!

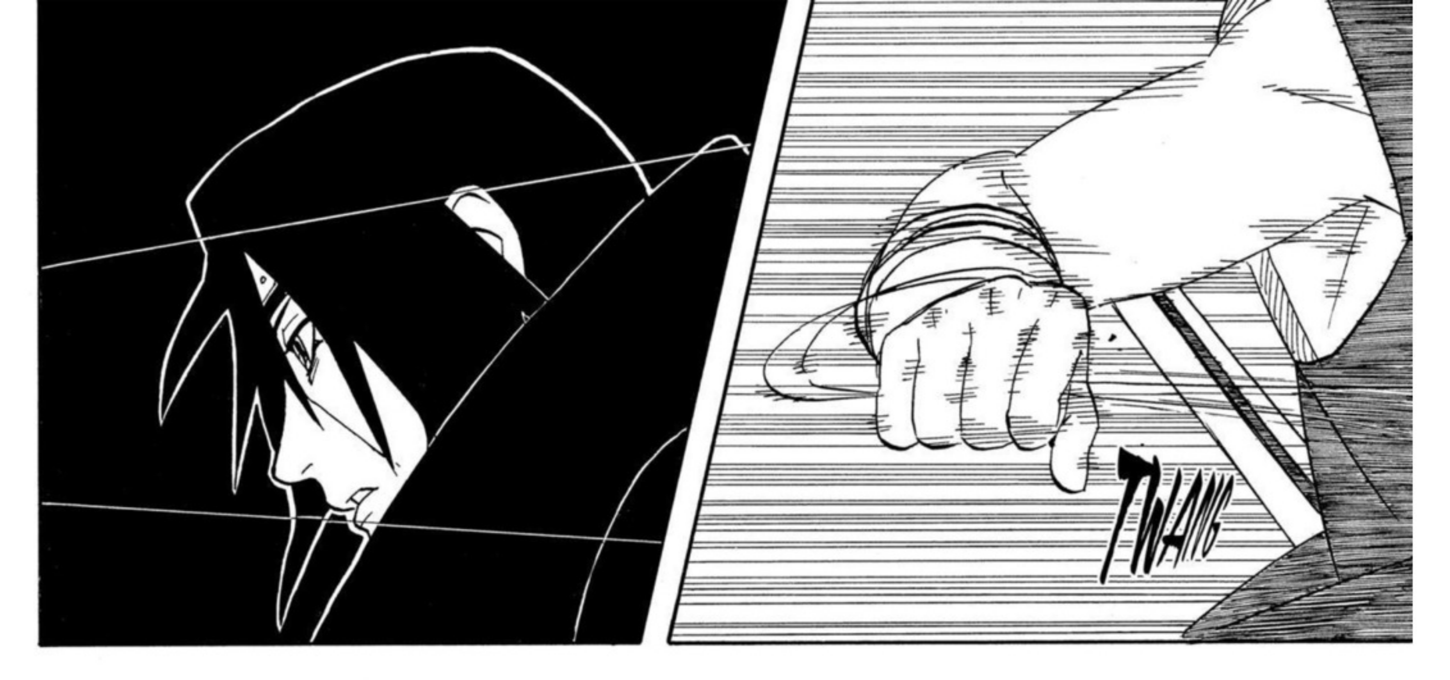
CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP






READ
THIS
WAY




TWANG
RIGGED SHURIKEN ?!
KLAK



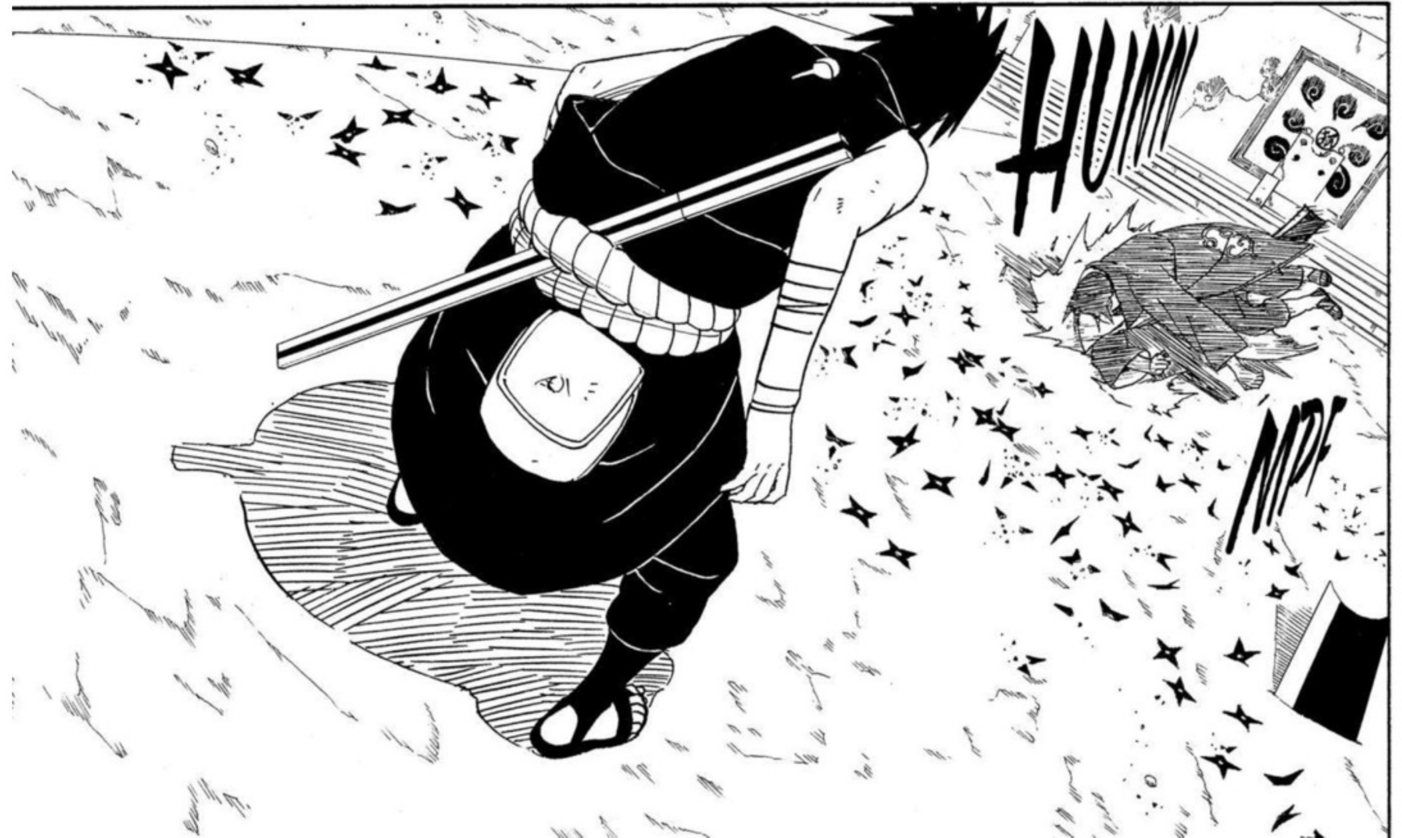
UGH!

JAB

THOCK

THOCK

?!



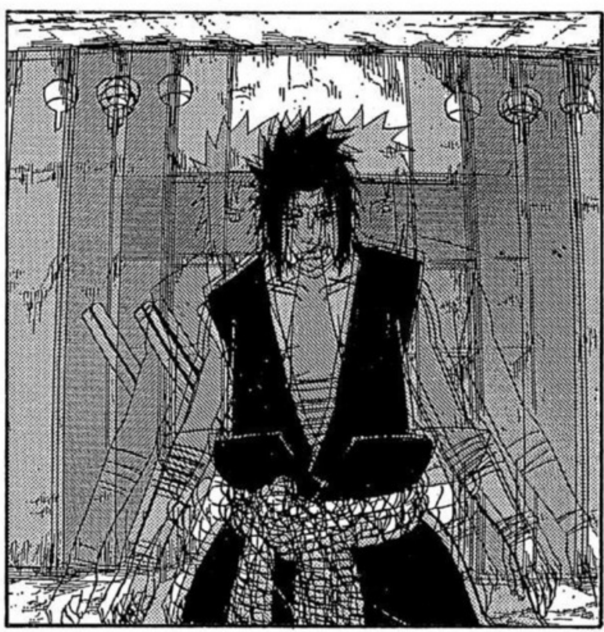

THOSE LAST SHURIKEN WORKED WELL...
SNIP


TOK


SQUE
LCH
UNH...


THAT'S FUNNY...
WHAT IS IT?
NAH... JUST, IT'S NOT LIKE ITACHI TO NOT BE ABLE TO DODGE SUCH THINGS...
ZWOO






VWEEN...


READ THIS WAY


FDUB




FEELING BACKLASH FROM THE TSUKUYOMI?
HEH... IT'S A NICE FEELING, FOR ME.

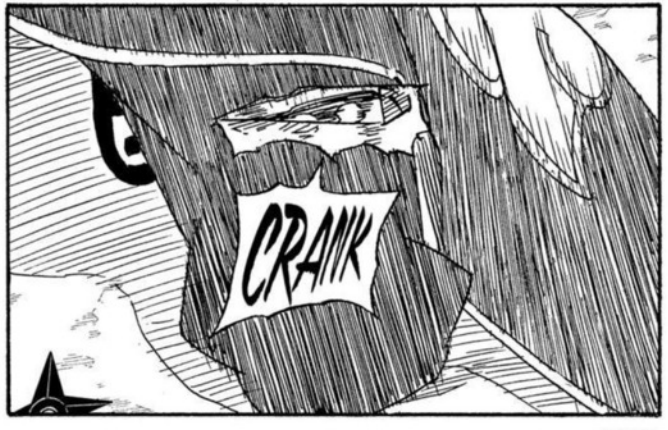

FROM THE MOMENT SASUKE NULLIFIED THE TSUKUYOMI, HE SEIZED CONTROL OF THE FLOW OF THIS BATTLE.
AND HE'S DULLED ITACHI'S MOVEMENTS EVEN FURTHER...
SASUKE MIGHT ACTUALLY WIN THIS THING.


NAH... IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL.


TAK
FIRE STYLE ...!

FIREBALL TECHNIQUE!!







SHUP

CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP

!!

HAAAH!!





FWOO

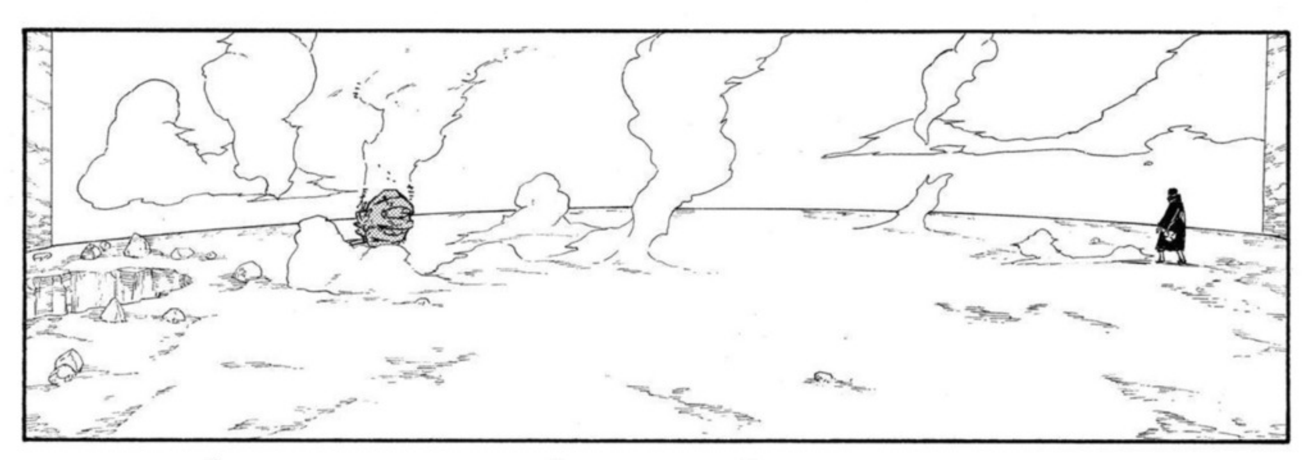
FWOOSH

RRROAR


READ
THIS
WAY


UNH...
THESE WOUNDS ARE NOTHING...
ZIZZLE...


PHEW...WE ALMOST GOT CAUGHT IN THAT!
ZWOO...




FWP
FWP


FWP
FWP


SWOOOOOOO


FWA
FIRE STYLE! FIRE-BALL JUTSU!!
AAA
!
FWOOSH

FWOOOOSH


SASUKE HAS THE UPPER HAND! I REALLY THINK SASUKE'S GOING TO...




BLRRP...


AMATE-RASU...


FLA SH
VWO OO
VA-
BOOM
TO BE CONTINUED IN NARUTO VOLUME 43!